



# SAMARITANS PURSE

## Shoe Box Appeal

Dear Parents,

Joy and Ruth from the Samaritans Purse charity spoke to all our pupils in two assemblies this morning about how to make a Shoe Box present and why they are needed by so many children all over the world. We saw from photos and a video *the absolute joy that these simple gifts bring* to the children who receive them.

We would love if our whole school community could be involved and are making **3 suggestions** of how each family can play a part:

1. At home, **pack your own shoe box** (cover the box and lid separately with gift paper) **with small inexpensive gifts**. Your child may then wish to write a little note to the child who will be receiving it.

OR

2. Send in to school an **empty shoe box** which you have **covered with gift paper**

OR

3. Send in an **individual or selection of the gifts from the suggestion list**. We will then sort and pack these in school

Whichever option you choose, it would be a lovely and very worthwhile project for you and your child to do over the mid-term break.

Collection of the boxes will be:

**week beginning 13 November**



## SHOEBOX GIFT IDEAS

### SPECIAL ITEM

- Football with pump
- Doll
- Cuddly toy



### TOYS

- Toy cars
- Skipping ropes
- Yo-yos
- Toys that light up and make noise (with extra batteries)



### PERSONAL CARE ITEMS

- Toothbrushes
- Washcloths
- Combs
- Hairbrushes



### SCHOOL SUPPLIES

- Pens, pencils, sharpeners, crayons, and markers
- Notebooks
- Colouring and picture books
- Solar calculators



### ACCESSORIES

- Socks
- Sunglasses
- Jewellery and watches
- Torches (wind-up or with extra batteries)



### DO NOT INCLUDE

Toothpaste, sweets, lotions and liquids; used or damaged items; war-related items; seeds, gum, chocolate or food items; religious or political literature; medicines, aerosol cans, sharp or fragile items.

For additional gift suggestions and more, visit  
**SAMARITANS-PURSE.ORG.UK/OCC**