



St Andrew's C. E. Primary School
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'Where young minds grow and young hearts learn to care'



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Dear Parent/Carer

As part of our focus on the value of **UNITY** this month we're supporting the Samaritans Purse charity and asking families to get involved with Operation Christmas Child! This is about sending a message of hope to children in need around the world through gift-filled shoe boxes. It is the world's largest children's Christmas project!

The shoe boxes are sent to children in hospitals, orphanage's, homeless shelters and poor communities. Often a shoe box full of gifts is the only present these children will receive at Christmas.

Our aim is for each family to make a shoe box that can be sent to disadvantage children. Every child who takes part will earn their **UNITY BADGE** for this month.

How to Pack your Shoe Box

1. **Find an empty shoe box**
Wrap the lid and box separately
2. **Decide if your gift is for a boy or a girl**
Decide if the boy/girl is 2-4 years, 5-9 years, or 10-14 years old
3. **Special Item**
Select a toy, such as a doll, teddy, Yo-Yo, hygiene items or school supplies
4. **Personalise and Pray**
Including a personalised note and/or photo makes a big impact and pray for the child who will receive your gift
5. **Wrap the box in Christmas Wrapping Paper**
Clearly label the lid of the box with boy or girl and the age bracket

Your child will have come home with a leaflet explaining more.

We need to receive the shoe boxes in school by **Monday 14th November** so we can take them to Rockingham Road Baptist Church who are collecting the boxes on our behalf.

If you would like further information regarding this, please contact the school office on 01536 512581.

We appreciate your support in supporting this valuable project and hope that together we can bring some joy into the lives of children who would otherwise have nothing this Christmas.

Thanks, Ben Arnell (headteacher)