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Dear Parents/Carers,

Before half term the children had an assembly about “**Operation Christmas Child**”. “Operation Christmas Child” is run by the Samaritans’ Purse, an international charity organisation that helps children across the world less fortunate than ours. The purpose of “**Operation Christmas Child**” is to send wrapped shoe boxes filled with new toys and winter essentials for children to open on Christmas day. These children are normally victims of war, extreme poverty and national disasters. Due to the success last year, our children are eager for us to support charities and were hoping that this was something you may want to complete with them at home over the next few weeks. The children loved the idea of us building these boxes and sending them overseas in time for this Christmas, hence this letter.

If I want to make a box with my child/children how does it work?

Step 1:

Get an empty medium sized shoe box, (these can be requested from any shoe shop if you explain what you need it for) wrap the lid and box separately in colourful wrapping paper. Attach the appropriate [boy/girl label](#) (See overleaf) marking if your gift is for a boy or a girl. Select an age category 2-4, 5-9 or 10-14 and attach the label to the top of your shoe box.

Step 2:

Now fill your shoe box with a selection of fun toys, hygiene items and school supplies. [See the gift suggestions overleaf for more ideas.](#)

Step 3:

Next you are asked to donate £5 for each shoe box you pack to cover project costs, including shipping. You can enclose cash or cheque (to Samaritan’s Purse) and place it in an envelope inside your shoe box on top of the contents. Alternatively, if you donate online you can track where your box is being sent.

Step 4:

Place a rubber band around each closed shoe box and bring it into school by **Friday 16th November.**

I hope this is something that you may want to complete with your family and I look forward to seeing how much we, here at St Charles Catholic Primary, can help. Since 1990, 124 million children have received a “Christmas Box” from somebody around the world to make their Christmas day that little bit better. If you want this information electronically or you would like to find out more then please visit the Samaritan’s Purse website on the link below: <https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/>

Many thanks

MRS L HUGHES