

## Midsomer Norton Primary School

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## **Operation Christmas Child-Shoebox Appeal 2023**

Dear Parents & Carers,

We are delighted to be taking part in this year's Operation Christmas Child -Shoebox Appeal. This project has been running for many years by the international aid association The Samaritan's Purse.

They deliver shoeboxes filled with toys and essentials to children in the least developed and war-torn nations of the world. A simple shoebox packed with love can have a huge impact on a child's life.

We had an assembly with Helen from The Shoebox Appeal on Wednesday this week who explained to the children the type of items that can fill a box e.g a small cuddly toy, flat football with a pump, small doll, cars, skipping ropes, yoyos, toothbrush, comb, flannel, hairbrush, hair accessories, socks, hats and gloves, sunglasses, torch with batteries, exercise books, pens, crayons, pencils, small watercolour paint sets (not liquid), rubber, sharpener, pencil case, colouring and activity books - any small item that can fit in a shoebox but NOT toothpaste, sweets, food items or broken items.

These can be items for a boy or girl or both in these age ranges 2-4 years, 5-9 years, 10-14 years.

We will be collecting small items to go in class shoeboxes but if you would like to pack a box at home please do. We will be collecting filled boxes from now **until 20th November** and will take them to the Methodist Church to be collected. If you can't donate a small item you may like to donate £1 to help towards the postage of the boxes.

We also need empty shoeboxes and old/spare Christmas wrapping paper. Please bring these and any donations to your child's teacher or the office

Thank you in advance for getting involved in this worthwhile project. The children were very enthused after Helen's assembly and we are excited to support the cause and make a difference to other children around the world.

Thank you

Ms Sarah Biss







