

Please send any contributions into school by **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November** so the School Councillors can pack the shoeboxes ready for delivery to the drop off location.



[www.samaritans-purse.org.uk](http://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk)

**Woodborough School Council** ask for your support to prepare 'A Shoebox' to be sent to a disadvantaged child this Christmas. We are supporting Samaritan's Purse UK, an international relief and development organisation that works through local churches to proclaim and demonstrate the love of God amongst communities in need, in countries across Sub-Saharan Africa, Eastern Europe and Central Asia.

The School Council will wrap the shoeboxes and fill them with your donations.

**Please could you help us by donating shoeboxes to put gifts into, Christmas wrapping paper to wrap the boxes with and a selection of the following items to fill each shoebox with -**

**A "Wow" Item** - a toy that a child will immediately love as soon as they open the box. Ideas include: Stuffed animal, deflated football & pump, toy truck, doll (baby, Barbie etc), musical instruments.

**TOYS** - items that children will immediately embrace such as dolls or stuffed toys (with CE label), toy trucks, harmonica, yo-yo, skipping rope, ball, small puzzles etc.

**SCHOOL SUPPLIES** - pens, pencils & sharpeners, crayons or felt pens, stamps & ink pad sets, writing pads or notebooks & paper, solar calculators, colouring & picture books etc.

**HYGIENE ITEMS** - toothbrush and toothpaste, bars of wrapped soap, comb or hairbrush, flannel.

**OTHER ITEMS** - hat, cap, gloves or scarf, sunglasses, hair accessories, jewellery set, wind up torch, wrapped sweets (best-before-date must be at least March 2019).

### **DO NOT INCLUDE**

Used or damaged items, war related items such as toy guns, play soldiers or knives; chocolate or other food items; liquids or lotions of any type including bubbles; medicines; hand-made or knitted stuffed toys; anything of a political, racial or religious nature; sharp objects; glass containers, mirrors or fragile items; playing cards of the 4-suit variety; clothing other than as listed above. **Items packed from this list will be removed from shoeboxes.**

A donation of £5 for each shoebox you fill is essential for the project and the School Council will cover this cost from their funds. The £5 donation covers: the work of 100 processing centres to check, carton and prepare shoebox gifts for export. Thousands of shoebox gifts are then transported by lorry to Eastern Europe or by ship to Africa and Central Asia and the cost of customs clearance is included in the £5 donation.

**In 2017, 51 lorries and 21 containers successfully exported over 678,000 shoeboxes to 13 countries.**

**Please help us give children less fortunate than ourselves  
a Happy Christmas in a Shoebox!**

**Thank you, from Woodborough School Council**