



Wednesday 17th October

Dear parents/carers,

This Christmas, the children at Perry Hall Primary School have asked if they can fundraise for those less fortunate than themselves.

We would like to participate in our Key Stages as follows:

Early Years and Key Stage One: Operation Christmas Child



Operation Christmas Child is a Christian charity organisation which aims for people around the world to fill a shoe box to send to children in poorer countries. These shoe boxes are intended to show another child that there is love in the world and that someone is thinking about them.

Each shoe box can be filled with essential hygiene items (toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, flannel, etc), soft toys (with the CE mark), stationary, toys, crafts as well as a note from you and your family wishing them a happy Christmas. Please do not include any sharp or fragile items, medicines or liquids which could cause bubbles during transit. You have the option of creating a gift for either a boy or a girl and selecting from the ages of 2-4, 5-9 or 10-14 years old. When packing your shoe box, wrap the lid and box separately with festive wrapping paper and put a label on to show which gender it is for and which age group. A small donation of £5 is required for shipping and transport costs and should be paid via **parentpay**. For more information, please see their website: www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child.

If you would like to take part and bring joy to a child's Christmas time your boxes need to be brought in to school for no later than **Friday 16th November**.

A small box from you can make a huge impact on them.

Key Stage Two: The Children's Society

Key Stage Two will be fundraising during their festive events this year.



Years 3 and 6 will be celebrating the start of Advent with a Christingle carol service at St Thomas' Church on Tuesday 4th December (more details to follow soon). We ask that when the children come to the church to celebrate in this service, they bring a Christmas present for a child to place under the Christmas tree. This should be wrapped in festive paper and labelled with which age group and gender it would be suitable for.

Years 4 and 5 will be performing their Christmas production in school throughout the last week of term (the week beginning 17th December- again, more details to follow). At the end of each performance we will be collecting monetary donations for The Children's Society.

At these events we will be joining together in joyful and memorable traditions, all whilst helping to support children who need our help through The Children's Society. This charity organisation works with vulnerable children and young people in the UK to listen, support and help them to know that they are not alone. For more information about the work that they do, please see their website: www.childrensociety.org.uk

We hope you will support us in helping these worthy causes during the festive period,

Yours sincerely,
Miss R Kohli
Executive Headteacher.