



Monday 21<sup>st</sup> 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.

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, stationery, toys, 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. Suggested gifts are listed below.

SOMETHING FUN	SOMETHING TO LOVE	SOMETHING CREATIVE	SOMETHING TO KEEP CLEAN WITH	SOMETHING TO PUT ON	SOMETHING TO LEARN WITH	SOMETHING HOMEMADE	ITEMS TO AVOID
Skipping rope Building bricks Yo Yo Slinky Dominoes Kaleidoscope Spinning top Jigsaw puzzle Toy binoculars Puzzle cube Wind-up torch Toy car/train/truck Animal figures Musical instruments: -Kazoo -Bells -Harmonica -Bells -Mini Maracas -Recorder -Castanets -Whistle	Cuddly toy Rag Doll Barbie Doll Wooden/plastic play people Hand puppet Finger puppets Wind-up toy Small ball (Tennis, Rugby, Bouncy) Inflatable beach ball Deflated football & pump Finger skate-board	Chalk Crayons Colouring book Drawing pad Stickers Magnetic drawing board Mini Etch A Sketch Mini Stampers (pre inked) Click together model Play-Doh Glider kit (non military) Bead kit (age appropriate) Small sealed sewing kit (10-14) Mini scraper foil kit (10-14) Watercolour paint set (solid) Stencils Mini Spirograph	Toothbrush Soap Flannel Washmitt Sponge Hairbrush Comb Push up deodorant stick (not liquid or aerosol) Chapstick Emery board Nail clippers Compact mirror	Hat Gloves Mittens Scarf Fashion scarf Cap Head bands Ribbon Hair clips Bracelet Necklace Small handbag Sunglasses Draw string bag Dress up items - animal ears, crowns etc	Writing pens Writing pencils Sharpener Eraser Solar Calculator Geometry Set (10-14) Ruler Exercise book Notebook Highlighters Colouring pencils Felt tip pens Pencil case Safety scissors Glue stick Picture books (2-4) Dry wipe white-board and pens Mini board-games Water bottle	Hand made toys knitted, sewn or crocheted bags pencil cases, hand puppets etc  <i>Please note we cannot accept any hand made items containing stuffing</i>  Felt play board Wooden toys Home made card or letter with a photo	War related items e.g. toy guns and soldiers, knives, camouflage items etc. Religious items or literature Sweets, chocolate or other food items Toothpaste Hand made toys with stuffing Glass items that could break Liquids Aerosols Sharp objects Medicines Books with many words Unwrapped scented items Clothing other than that stated 4 suit playing cards

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](http://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 no later than **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November**.

Yours sincerely,

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