

Newbury Park Primary School

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Newsletter

Dear parent,

Each year we have supported a charity - **Operation Christmas Child**. This organisation delivers gift boxes to vulnerable children across the world.

Last year they sent 1.3 million shoe boxes from the UK to children in hospitals, orphanages, internally displaced persons camps, homeless shelters and impoverished neighbourhoods.

We would like to be part of this project again. Last year we collected over 300 boxes for this project! With your help we want to reach even more children in the poorest parts of the world in 2010.



Your gift is powerful. Your shoe box will be hand delivered to a child in need. All boxes are given to the neediest children regardless of nationality, political background or religious beliefs. Your shoe box will make a child feel special and valued and let them know that you care about them.

Choosing gifts and then wrapping and filling a shoe box is a fun and rewarding activity for all the family – especially when you know these gifts are going to be used and treasured.

The deadline is **17th November** so please start bringing in your boxes and hand them over to your class teacher. **Please see details below on how to prepare your box.**

HOW TO PACK YOUR SHOE BOX

1. Find an empty medium size shoe box, approximately 18 x 30cm.
2. Wrap them separately in wrapping paper.
3. Decide if your gift is for a boy or girl.
4. Write the appropriate age on the box.
5. Fill the shoe box with the gifts listed on what to pack.
6. **Please do not** wrap any items individually.

7. It is recommended (not compulsory) to enclose £2:50 in an envelope and insert it in the box. The money goes towards distribution, transport, processing and promotion.
8. Please secure the lid with an elastic band and **DO NOT** seal the boxes.

WHAT TO PACK

1. Toys e.g. soft toy, building block, dolls.
2. Education supplies e.g. pencils, pencil case, stickers.
3. Hygiene items – e.g. toothbrush, bar of wrapped soap
4. Other items – e.g. gloves, scarf, caps, hat, bangles etc.

DO NOT INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING

1. Food, Medicine
2. War related items (toy guns etc.)
3. Clothing, Fragile items
4. Liquids e.g. shampoo
5. Dangerous items e.g. scissors
6. Novels
7. Anything of a political or racial nature

More information about **Operation Christmas Child** can be found on the website at www.samaritanspurse.uk.com

The Great Book Swap!

Just a few days to go!

Children are invited to bring in any unwanted books from home and swap them for another book in school.

Books to swap must be clean and in good condition. Anyone bringing in a book to the swap will get a ticket to choose a new book from the book swap stall.

The Book Swap will take place on Friday (12th November). Be sure to bring your books for swapping before Friday.