

31<sup>st</sup> October 2016

Dear Parents and Carers,

This year, once again, through a campaign called **Operation Christmas Child**, run by the UK charity Samaritan's Purse, Sandgate Primary School is joining with thousands of other schools up and down the country in wrapping, packing and sending shoeboxes full of gifts – items such as tooth brushes, toothpaste and soap, hairbrushes, pens, pencils, something to write in, toys or games - to needy children around the world.

Through this campaign, we want to teach children here about generosity for others, and compassion, to make them aware of the fact that there are children elsewhere in the world who have nothing, and give them the opportunity to do something practical, yet so simple, that can make such a difference.

More information can be found here:

<https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/>

We will be having an assembly to explain Operation Christmas Child to the children and will be demonstrating how to pack and compile a Christmas box. The children will also watch short clips of the children in countries like Africa receiving their box.

So, how can you and your child help?

**Step 1** – Get an empty medium sized shoebox, wrapping the lid and box separately in colourful wrapping paper. Attach the appropriate boy/girl label, marking if your gift is for a boy or a girl. Select an age category 2-4, 5-9 or 10-14 and attach the label to the top of your shoebox. Labels can be collected from the school office or can be downloaded from the above site.

**Step 2** – Add a 'wow' item such as a doll, cuddly toy or deflated football with pump. Now fill your shoebox with a selection of fun toys, hygiene items and school supplies. Gift suggestions can be found on the back of this letter.

**Step 3** – Place £3 in an envelope inside your box to cover the shipping costs.

**Step 4** – You can add a personal note or complete the attached sheets to your box.

**Please bring your box into the School Office by Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November** and these will be delivered on the 18<sup>th</sup> November to the drop off zone (Shoe Zone in Folkestone). Alternatively you can take them straight to the drop off zone.

In January 2017 we will be informed of where our boxes went and we will share this information with the children.

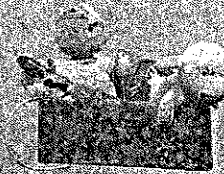
Yours sincerely,



**Mrs Lianne Jones**  
**Deputy Headteacher**



# Ideas for Girls



**2-4**

Cuddly toy (CE)  
Plastic baby  
Play-Doh  
Picture book  
Musical instrument  
Chunky crayons  
Colouring book  
Washmitt/flannel  
Toothbrush/paste  
Hairbrush  
Bar of Soap  
Gloves/mittens  
Cap  
Hat  
Dress up headbands  
A note from you!

Rag Doll (CE)  
Soft ball (CE)  
Puppet  
Play people  
Large animal figures  
Large bricks/Duplo  
Snap cards  
Chunky pens/pencils  
Drawing pad  
Sponge  
Rubber duck/toy  
Hairbrush  
Comb  
Scarf  
Sunglasses (UV)  
Sweets (dated 01.03.17 or later - no chocolate)

**5-9**

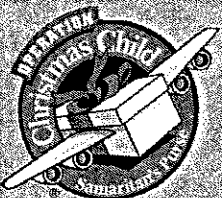
Cuddly toy (CE)  
Barbie doll  
Building bricks/Lego  
Small handbag  
Ball with pump  
Foam ball  
Plastic figures  
Children's jewellery  
Skipping rope  
Paint set (solid only)  
Pencil case  
Colouring pencils  
Writing pencils/pens  
Eraser/sharpener  
Safety scissors  
Colouring book  
Whiteboard/pen  
Preinked stampers  
Hairbrush/Comb  
Bar of soap  
Hairclips/headbands  
Hat/Gloves/Scarf  
Cap  
A note from you!

Rag doll (CE)  
Doll clothes  
Finger puppets  
Slinky  
Tennis ball  
Bouncy balls  
Figure playsets  
Kaleidoscope  
Yo Yo  
Musical instrument  
Felt tip pens  
Bead craft kit  
Stickers  
Glue stick  
Notebook  
Drawing pad  
Mini Etch A Sketch  
Flannel  
Toothbrush/paste  
Hairbands/ribbon  
Dress up - tiara etc  
Sunglasses (UV)  
Sweets (dated 01.03.17 or later - no chocolate)

**10-14**

Cuddly toy (CE)  
Yo Yo  
Ball with pump  
Skipping rope  
Puzzle cube  
Beads kit  
Uno  
Drawstring bag  
Pencil case  
Geometry set  
Felt tip pens  
Highlighters  
Notebook  
Eraser/sharpener  
Toothbrush/paste  
Hairbands/clips  
Nail clippers  
Compact mirror  
Hat/Gloves/Scarf  
Waterbottle  
Sweets (dated 01.03.17 or later - no chocolate)  
A note from you!

Barbie doll  
Tennis ball  
Bouncy ball  
Wind up torch  
Paint set (solid)  
Mini board games  
Dominoes  
Small handbag  
Solar Calculator  
Ruler  
Colouring pencils  
Writing pencils  
Writing pens  
Flannel  
Hairbrush/Comb  
Emery board  
Necklace/bracelet  
Cap/sunglasses (UV)  
Chapstick  
Deodorant stick (not liquid or aerosol)



# Ideas for Boys



**2-4**

Cuddly toy (CE)  
Puppet  
Play-Doh  
Picture book  
Toy tools  
Large bricks/Duplo  
Chunky pens/pencils  
Drawing pad  
Sponge  
Rubber duck/toy  
Comb  
Bar of Soap  
Hat  
Scarf  
Sunglasses (UV)  
A note from you!

Soft ball (CE)  
Play people  
Large animal figures  
Chunky toy train/plane/car/boat  
Musical instrument  
Snap cards  
Chunky crayons  
Colouring book  
Washmitt/Flannel  
Toothbrush/paste  
Hairbrush  
Gloves/mittens  
Cap  
Sweets (dated 01.03.17 or later - no chocolate)

**5-9**

Cuddly toy (CE)  
Finger puppets  
Ball with pump  
Foam ball  
Plastic figures  
Pull back car  
Glider (non military)  
Snap together model  
Paint set (solid only)  
Felt tip pens  
Colouring book  
Stickers  
Glue stick  
Notebook  
Mini Etch A Sketch  
Preinked stampers  
Hairbrush/Comb  
Bar of soap  
Sunglasses (UV)  
Animal Mask  
Drawstring bag  
A note from you!

Building bricks/Lego  
Slinky  
Tennis ball  
Bouncy balls  
Figure playset  
Model car/train/truck  
Spinning top  
Yo Yo  
Pencil case  
Colouring pencils  
Writing pencils/pens  
Eraser/sharpener  
Safety scissors  
Drawing pad  
Whiteboard/pen  
Flannel  
Toothbrush/paste  
Hat/Gloves/Scarf  
Cap  
Sweets (dated 01.03.17 or later - no chocolate)

**10-14**

Cuddly toy (CE)  
Tennis ball  
Bouncy ball  
Wind up torch  
Puzzle cube  
Finger skateboard  
Glider (non military)  
Paint set (solid only)  
Uno  
Drawstring bag  
Pencil case  
Geometry set  
Ruler  
Felt tip pens  
Writing pencils  
Highlighters  
Notebook  
Hairbrush/Comb  
Deodorant stick (not liquid/aerosol)  
Sunglasses (UV)  
A note from you!

Yo Yo  
Ball with pump  
Musical instrument (whistle/harmonica)  
Snap together model  
Model car/truck  
Mini board games  
Dominoes  
Small sealed tool kit (no knives)  
Solar Calculator  
Colouring pencils  
Writing pens  
Eraser/sharpener  
Whiteboard/pen  
Flannel  
Toothbrush/paste  
Hat/Gloves/Scarf  
Cap  
Water bottle  
Sweets (dated 01.03.17 or later - no chocolate)