

BEARWOOD Primary and Nursery School

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Dear Parents & Carers,

This year, through a campaign called **Operation Christmas Child**, run by the UK charity Samaritan's Purse, Bearwood Primary & Nursery School is joining with thousands of other schools up and down the country in wrapping, packing and sending shoeboxes full of gifts – things like cuddly toys, games, balls, hats, gloves and scarves, stationery and hygiene items – to children in need around the world. The attachment gives full details and it is important to label the box with the age and gender of the child it is suitable for as per the green and red labels. Leaflets will also come home with your child this week.

Through this campaign, we want to teach our children 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.

The shoebox gifts are distributed through local churches overseas and given unconditionally to children based on need, regardless of background or religious beliefs.

We want to help reach around 11 million children globally with a shoebox gift that tells them that they are loved, and not forgotten this Christmas!

Should you have any questions about Operation Christmas Child, or Samaritan's Purse, please visit: <u>www.samaritans-purse.org.uk</u>

Thank you for your support!

Yours sincerely

Miss Pike Holly 1







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