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Dear Parents,

Samaritan's Purse International Relief

We have decided to take part again this year in Operation Christmas Child. Please find attached to this letter the leaflet with details of how to fill the boxes, if you would like to participate. To simplify the process for parents, we have also provided each family with one flat pack box. However, if you would rather not take part, and the donation is entirely voluntary, it would be appreciated if you could return the box to school via your child's class teacher.

Operation Christmas Child is about more than just shoebox gifts. As Samaritan's Purse (the charity behind Operation Christmas Child) is a Christian charity, we believe Operation Christmas Child is a great example of faith in action. It demonstrates Jesus' teaching of how to love our neighbour and gives children the chance to be a part of selfless giving to others - irrespective of the creed, colour, religion, sex, ethnicity of either the child giving or the child receiving. This is a powerful message.

In previous years, we have managed to collect as many as 60 parcels and it would be fantastic to increase this number this year. When you have filled your Christmas box, please return to school where it will be collected by our local representative from the Samaritan's Purse. If you would like to participate, **please ensure your finished box arrives in school by Monday, 21st November**. Thank you.

If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact the School Office or check the website: www.operationchristmas.org.uk.

Yours sincerely,

Miss A.E. O'Connor

Headteacher

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