



Howletch Primary School

SHOEBOX APPEAL

Dear Parent



The School Council — Participation in the Shoe-Box Appeal

The school will be taking part in the Samaritan's Purse Shoebox Appeal and are asking the school council members to help with the donation of small presents. They will also help with the packing and wrapping of the box (or boxes, depending on how many donations we receive). The boxes will be sent to children in other countries to families who need them most. If any parent wishes to help the school council by providing a small item for one of our shoe boxes this would be greatly appreciated.

Gifts/items should be small enough to fit inside a shoebox and should be suitable for a primary aged child. After items are received the children in the school council will sort them out for either a girl or boy and wrap up the boxes ready for sending to the organiser.

Please see the list below of items we would like to receive to include in the boxes and also please note the items we are not allowed to include:

YES PLEASE

Toys — Soft toy, finger puppet, jigsaw, yo-yo, small musical instrument. Small car or doll.

Sports items—Tennis ball, skipping rope, small football etc

Stationery — Coloured pencils, chalks, pencil case, eraser, notebook etc

Hygiene items—Toothbrush, toothpaste, hairbrush, comb, bar of soap, flannel etc.

Other items—Sweets — e.g. jellies type (sell-by date must be at least March 2016), clothing items: gloves, hat scarf

NB: All gifts should be NEW

NO THANK YOU

NO food especially chocolate (exception is non-chocolate sweets)

NO medicine or vitamins

NO war related items (guns, soldiers etc)

NO fragile items

NO liquids (liquid soap, bubble bath, shampoo)

NO dangerous items (sharp objects, scissors)

NO novels

NOTHING of a political nature

NO hand-knitted toys without a CE mark

Please send one item from the above list by Wednesday 18 November.

We feel this is an excellent exercise in demonstrating to the pupils that some children in other countries do not receive presents at Christmas and makes us realise how lucky we are.

Thank you for your generosity.
