



# ST LEONARD'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are very excited to be taking part in 'Operation Christmas Child' project again this year. The project is run by the charity the 'Samaritan's Purse'. The charities mission is to make a difference to children's lives in other countries at Christmas time. The COVID-19 global pandemic has disrupted everyday life for millions of people around the world. Yet, Samaritans purse want to continue to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to children in need. The charity wants boys and girls around the world to know that God loves them and has not forgotten them during this time of fear and uncertainty. Children need great joy now more than ever.

Many children wake up on Christmas morning with no gifts. The Samaritans Purse wants to change that by donating shoeboxes full of toys, pens, pencils and other items that will help to put a smile on the children's faces on Christmas morning.

This year you can make up a traditional shoebox or build a shoebox online. Please go to <https://shooboxonline.samaritans-purse.org.uk/> for more information.

Please read the attached sheet if you would like to make up a shoebox with your child. It is very important that you read the guidance sheet on suggested gifts to put in the boxes. If you do include any items that are not allowed the box will not be sent off when it arrives at the sorting stations.

Each box must contain an envelope with a donation of £5 to cover project costs. This is a great opportunity for you and your child to make a difference to the life of another child who is less fortunate than ourselves. It is also a nice idea if your child could write a letter and place it in the box as sometimes children have written back to say thank you for their boxes.

As a Christian school we would be very grateful if you could find the time to make a shoebox with your child and bring it into school by Monday 9th November 2020.

We have been collecting shoeboxes at St Leonards primary school for a long time. Please help us in really making a difference to a child's Christmas this year.

Many thanks,

Mrs Blackley  
EYFS Leader

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