



HAWRIDGE & CHOLESBURY CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL

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Dear Parents

### **Rotary Shoe Box Appeal 2019**

Over the last few years the school has supported the Great Missenden Rotary Club Shoe Box Appeal. This worthy cause provides gift boxes to highly deprived children, extremely poor families, street children in the big cities or children in highly deprived schools. The gift of a shoebox that contains toys, toiletries, educational items or household goods is a drop of happiness to the people of Eastern Europe who live in a world of poverty. For many, it will be the first present that they have ever received and it lets them know that somebody somewhere cares.

I would like to invite you once again, to support this appeal and make a very special gift this Christmas. Please collect items to fill a shoe box following the guidance suggested on the attached information sheet.

In addition, the person filling the box should please **sellotape £2 (coins) to the top of the box**. This is then retrieved by the local Rotary Club Trustees who use the money for transport costs to Eastern & Central Europe and for manufacturing the boxes.

One box will be given to each family in school. If you are not able to support this scheme, please return the unused box to school so that it can be given to others to fill. We would like all boxes to be returned to school by **Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> October** please.

Thank you very much in advance for your generosity.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Rosie Phillips  
Headteacher

## **Gift suggestions for your Rotary Shoebox**

### **Toys ~ For Boys & Girls**

Cars, trucks, etc, balls, complete jigsaws, action figures, colouring books, pens, crayons, Lego blocks, yo-yo, bubble blowers, wooden and plastic toys, building blocks, pencil case, pencil sharpener, dominoes, playdough / plastercine & cutters, fluffy toys, dolls, stickers, writing pads, skipping rope, scarf, mittens / gloves, hat, harmonica, games, cards...

### **Teenagers ~ For young people up to 18 years age**

Sportswear, scarf, gloves, socks, hat, football memorabilia, writing materials, games, playing cards, tennis ball, tooth brush & paste, deodorants, comb, mirror, costume jewellery, make-up, hair brush, toiletries, school stationery, clothing repair kits, sketch pad, coloured pens / pencils...

### **Household Goods ~ For older folk & families**

Scarfs, gloves, hats, wrapped soap, toothpaste, toothbrush, disposable razors, shampoo, soap flakes, pan scourers, antiseptic cream, bandages, face or body creams, cosmetics, pens, writing pad & envelopes, T lights, candles, sewing kit, scissors...

### **Baby ~ Age up to 12 months**

This is given to new mothers and can include baby wipes, cotton wool buds, baby shampoo, baby oil, talc powder, bonnet, booties and mitts, baby grow, knitted matinee coat, small soft toy or plastic rattle...

### **What NOT to include in boxes**

Food, sweets, chocolate & drinks, battery operated toys, conflict related items, matches, inflammable liquids, inflammable aerosols (e.g.: deodorants & hair spray), seeds or any other living material, automatic washing machine powders, & washing-up liquid (*these tend to leak when laid flat*)

### **For safety –**

Please securely sellotape tops of liquid containers. Protect anything sharp and do not put anything sharp into a Toys box.

**Too BIG for your Box** ~ we will accept all suitable items of any size (please ensure soft toys are bagged to protect them)

The type of contents is indicated on the box top. In the case of toys & teenagers, additional information as to the suitability for boy or girl, along with age group is also indicated.

A card with the sender's name and a photograph is also a nice thing to include. Above all, the contents should be of good quality, remembering that the recipient will be opening the box in eager anticipation, and especially with the toys for the children, quite possibly the first real gifts they have received for a very long time.

### **Finally.....**

**Kindly attach two £1.00 coins to each box to help cover the cost of the box and the transportation costs to Eastern Europe**

***Or make out a cheque or equivalent for £2.00 payable to The Rotary Club of Great Missenden and attach it to the box. Please do not place it inside the box.***

***Thank you for the pleasure your box will give.***

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