

## Pheasey Park Farm Primary School and Early Years Centre

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**PHEASEY PARK FARM**  
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Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Appeal 2021

We are pleased to inform you that school will be participating in this year's Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Appeal. This is organised by Samaritan's Purse and has been introduced to children in assemblies.

Previously, Samaritan's Purse have delivered thousands of shoebox gifts from the UK to children in countries including The Middle East, Romania and Ukraine. Over the years, our school has donated over 1200 shoeboxes of Christmas gifts to the appeal - we have found this a worthwhile experience for our pupils to reflect on their own lives and practically help those who are less fortunate. This is an excellent opportunity to brighten up a child's Christmas. We are hoping for lots of our pupils to prepare and donate a filled shoebox this year, if families are in the position to do this.

Your child will have received a leaflet to accompany this letter. The leaflet explains the process in detail, including how to pack a shoebox. **Please take note of items which cannot be included, attach a gender label to your shoebox, and select the age range that your items are intended for.**

If you choose to donate a Christmas shoebox, please ensure the box and lid are wrapped separately, and are secured with an elastic band. Samaritan's Purse also suggest a £5 donation be included in the shoebox. This helps to cover their costs associated with processing, collections, shipping and training.

Please bring your filled shoeboxes into school **by Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2021** and give them to your child's class teacher to store. We are hoping for a collection to then be arranged for week beginning 15<sup>th</sup> November, where representatives from Samaritan's Purse will collect the shoeboxes from our school.

Another option is *Pack a Shoebox Online*: <https://shoebonline.samaritans-purse.org.uk/> which costs £20. This involves virtually packing a shoebox where you can select a gender/age range for the recipient and choose specific items. The real box of the items chosen online will then be packed by volunteers.

Thank you for your invaluable support with this extremely worthwhile initiative.

Yours sincerely,

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**PSHE Co-ordinator**

