



# Ryecroft C.E. Middle School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD – SHOE BOX APPEAL 2022

This half term, we are focusing on our school value of 'Care'. As part of this we would like to encourage our pupils to take part in some activities over the coming weeks that show our care for others. Firstly we are going to take part in the Operation Christmas Child shoe box appeal.

Operation Christmas Child sends a message of hope to children in need around the world through gift-filled shoe boxes. It is the world's largest children's Christmas project. Since 1990 the project has brought the joy of Christmas to more than 80 million boys and girls throughout the world. Children in over 130 countries have received a shoe box since 1990. Often a shoe box full of gifts is the only present these children will receive at Christmas. This year, we have decided as a school, to support this project. Our aim is for each form to make at least one shoe box. Items that can be included in a shoebox must be new, there is a list of items that can be included and further information at this link:

<https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/how-to-pack-a-shoebox/>

We understand that in the current climate, finances are tight and therefore if you feel that you can take part in the appeal, you need only send in one item from the list. Children will discuss in their form groups appropriate items and work together to produce shoe boxes.

If as a family, you would like to prepare your own shoe box than this would be very welcome also. The charity asks for a voluntary contribution of £5 per shoe box so if your child is taking part in the form group box then it would be appreciated if you could contribute 50p along with your item. If you make your own box, the contribution can be paid online. All of the information is in the leaflet. The boxes need to be collected in school by Wednesday 16th November in order to be delivered to our local collection point ready for transportation and distribution.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely,

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