

17th October 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

The School Council at Wood End Park Academy would like to ask for your help. Following on from your fantastic generosity and the great success of previous year's shoebox appeal we would like to support this charity again this year.

In 2016, nearly 1 million shoe boxes were sent from the UK to children in hospitals, orphanages, homeless shelters and poor communities all around the world. Last year Wood End Park Academy children, families and staff were able to contribute by sending an astonishing 86 boxes – how wonderful it would be if we could exceed this in 2017!

The shoe box appeal 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 seasonal project which is organized by Samaritans Purse International. Since 1990 the project has brought joy to more than 80 million boys and girls throughout the world.

With your help, we want to reach even more children in the poorest parts of the world in 2017. It gives our children the opportunity to be a part of selfless giving to others - irrespective of the creed, colour, religion, ethnicity of either the child giving or the child receiving. This is a powerful message and an important part of our children's education.

Nursery, reception, years 1 and 2 will be collecting items for children aged 2-4 years
Year 3 and 4 will be collecting items for children aged 5-9 years
Years 5 and 6 will be collecting for children aged 10 and above.

We would ask that each child in the school donates one or two items to fill their class shoeboxes. We aim to fill at least 2 boxes per class, 1 for a girl and 1 for a boy. Please use the list overleaf as a guide.

We will be holding a non-uniform day to raise funds to transport the boxes on Friday 3rd November. A minimum donation of £1 is requested.

Unfortunately we are unable to accept used items. Please send NEW items that would fit into a shoe box, as soon as possible, as the boxes need to be packed and ready for collection by the Friday 17th November.

On behalf of the children of the world we thank you for your generosity.

Yours Faithfully,

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Gift suggestions

Please note: **All items must be brand new and carry the CE label**

Ages 2-4	Ages 5-9	Ages 10-14
Cuddly toy (CE) Plastic baby Play-Doh Picture book Musical instrument Chunky crayons Colouring book Wash- mitt/flannel Toothbrush/paste Hairbrush Bar of Soap Gloves/mittens Cap Hat Dress up headbands Rag Doll (CE) Soft ball (CE) Puppet Play people Large animal figures Large bricks/Duplo Snap cards Chunky pens/pencils Drawing pad Sponge Rubber duck/toy Hairbrush Comb Scarf Sunglasses (UV) Sweets (dated 01.03.17 or later - no chocolate)	Cuddly toy (CE) Barbie doll Building bricks/Lego Small handbag Ball with pump Foam ball Plastic figures Children's jewellery Skipping rope Paint set (solid only) Pencil case Colouring pencils Writing pencils/pens Eraser/sharpener Safety scissors Colouring book Whiteboard/pen Pre-inked stampers Hairbrush/Comb Bar of soap Hairclips/headbands Hat/Gloves/Scarf Cap Rag doll (CE) Doll clothes Finger puppets Slinky Tennis ball Bouncy balls Figure playsets Kaleidoscope Yo-Yo Musical instrument Felt tip pens Bead craft kit Stickers Glue stick Notebook Drawing pad Mini Etch A Sketch Flannel Toothbrush/paste Hairbands/ribbon Dress up - tiara etc Sunglasses (UV) Sweets (dated 01.03.17 or later - no chocolate)	Cuddly toy (CE) Yo-Yo Ball with pump Skipping rope Puzzle cube Beads kit Uno Drawstring bag Pencil case Geometry set Felt tip pens Highlighters Notebook Eraser/sharpener Toothbrush/paste Hairbands/clips Nail clippers Compact mirror Hat/Gloves/Scarf Water bottle Sweets (dated 01.03.17 or later - no chocolate) Barbie doll Tennis ball Bouncy ball Wind up torch Paint set (solid) Mini board games Dominoes Small handbag Solar Calculator Ruler Colouring pencils Writing pencils Writing pens Flannel Hairbrush/Comb Emery board Necklace/bracelet Cap/sunglasses (UV) Chapstick Deodorant stick (not liquid or aerosol)

DO NOT INCLUDE: used or damaged items, war related items such as toy guns, play soldiers or knives; chocolate or other food items; liquids or lotions of any type including bubbles; medicines; hand-made or knitted stuffed toys; anything of a political, racial or religious nature; marbles or sharp objects; glass containers, mirrors or fragile items; clothing other than as listed above.