



Wednesday 30th October 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

This year, Bourne Abbey Primary Academy Student Council have decided once again to support Operation Christmas Child, which is an initiative run by the charity Samaritan's Purse and co-ordinated by Bourne Baptist Church.

The scheme involves providing a covered shoebox, filled with simple items, which can be gifted to a child around the world who may have been orphaned, a victim of war, poverty, famine or disease. A single shoebox can have a massive impact on the lives of these children: some of whom may have never received a present before. It is also a great opportunity for our children to benefit from displaying values such as generosity, compassion, kindness and understanding – the impact these gifts have on the recipients cannot be underestimated!

We have decided to gather gifts in school to fill two boxes per year group – one for a boy of that age and one for a girl. If this is something you would like to be involved in, please send in a small gift – for example a toothbrush, a bar of soap, small age appropriate toys, underwear, pencils and small stationery items – in with your child. If you would like to contribute towards the postage of the shoeboxes instead, monetary gifts would also be appreciated as admin costs are £5 per box. More details can be found at: <https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/what-goes-in-my-shoebox/>

In order that the gifts can be distributed to where they are needed, they must be completed and returned to school by Friday 8th November. There will be a church service on Sunday 10th November at the Baptist Church which you would be most welcome to attend.

We really hope that this is something many of you will be able to take part in. I look forward to collecting contributions and thank you for your continued support with our charity work!

Kind regards,

Mrs Maxine Anderson
Student Council Co-ordinator