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Dear Parent/Carer,

This term, our School Council Representatives have been meeting regularly to discuss their thoughts and suggestions for our school, the local community and our global community. They voted for our first charity event of the year to be on a global scale. As a result, we have decided to support the Rotary International Shoebox Scheme. Rotary has no religious or political affiliations and therefore no leaflets of any kind will be added to their boxes.

*"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." - Rotary Shoebox Scheme*

In order to support the efforts of the School Council, we would ask you to consider donating an item. Each year group will have two shoeboxes, one for boys and one for girls, so your child may bring in an item for either box, or both! The final deadline for donations will be **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2017**. This is to allow time for any donations of unwanted Christmas gifts!

Additionally, we will collect items for a household goods and baby box in the staffroom. If you have additional items to donate to these boxes, please send them into school with your child or deliver them to the school office.

On the reverse of this letter you will find the official Rotary gift suggestions for each shoe box. Please take note of what can and cannot be accepted before you purchase any new items.

Thank you for your continued generosity.

Yours faithfully,

Miss C. Provost  
Year 5 Class Teacher and School Council

# Rotary Shoebox Scheme

*"Spreading a little Happiness"*

## Gift suggestions for your 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...

Each year group will collect a boy's box and a girl's box.

We will collect a Household Goods and Baby box in the staffroom.

Please send your donations in to your child's class teacher or the office.

The final deadline for donations will be **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2017.**

### Household Goods ~ For older folk & families

Scarves, 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 12months

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, baby blanket, small soft toy or plastic rattle...

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### 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 (they often leak when flat)

**For safety** - Please securely sellotape tops of liquid containers.

Protect anything sharp and do not put anything sharp into the Toys box.

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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 are 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.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT**

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