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Dear Parent/Guardian,

I hope you and your family enjoyed the half term break.

As we commence another busy term leading up to Christmas I wanted to take this opportunity to remind you about the shoebox appeal, 'Operation Christmas Child.'

We would be delighted to send as many shoeboxes as possible to children around the world so that they too can have the pleasure of opening a small gift at Christmas. This is a great opportunity for the school community to join together in a great act of kindness; a gift from children to children.

An information leaflet on how to pack a shoebox has been sent home with your child and will also be available to download from our school website and Facebook page.

Shoeboxes should be brought to school no later than **Monday 15th November 2021** to be prepared for the Strabane collection on Wednesday 17th November 2021.

The suggested shipping donation for each box is £5. On checking with the 'Samaritan's Purse' they will readily accept boxes with a lesser or no shipping donation, as they too understand the financial pressures already facing many families in Northern Ireland on the lead up to Christmas.

As always, your kindness and generosity in supporting such a great cause is truly appreciated. I hope you and your child/children take great pleasure in choosing small gifts and packing a box that will bring great joy to children.

Should you have any further queries do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs C Sayers
Vice Principal