

Christmas Shoebox Appeal

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We hope the following information will be useful in helping you participate in this scheme.

GUIDELINES

The boxes can cover all ages and either sex from babies to grandparents.

The contents of each box should be chosen with one particular age and type of person in mind.

Please label each box with one of the following, as appropriate:-

Please, everything in your Christmas Box must be new, (sorry it's the rules).

Boy Age about

Girl Age about.....

Man

Woman

Family

Grandparents

Grandfather

Grandmother



Although we handle the shoe boxes with great care, please bear in mind that everything is loaded on to a lorry for the long journey to Moldova, where the boxes are off-loaded and distributed. There is a small risk that some boxes may be dropped in the process and it is VITAL that everything is PACKED WELL and LIQUIDS are secured in NON – GLASS BOTTLES and tightly wrapped in a plastic bag, just in case of a leak.

As to the boxes themselves, they can be any size which approximates to the size of a shoe box but should be securely wrapped, please. **Unlike some organisations it is not our intention to open the boxes and empty them so please make certain they are firmly wrapped.**

It's also a nice touch if a card can be included inside on top of the contents, to give the recipient some idea of whom the gifts have come from. A Christmas card or gift-tag would be ideal together with a post card or two and a little note.

SOME BASIC NEEDS

Many basic items are an expensive luxury and therefore very welcome.

Soap

Facecloth

Toothbrush

Toothpaste

Hairbrushes, combs, etc

Body-wash soap

Shampoo

Please, NO Bubble-bath, as most people will be washing from a bowl with water collected from the well.

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EDUCATIONAL EQUIPMENT

Such items are also expensive, either for home or for school use; for example:-

All school equipment - Pens, pencils, ruler, rubber, calculator, notebook, jotter, sharpener, rucksack, etc

Colouring pens, paints, pencils, sharpeners for fun at home

Colouring books, sticker books, etc - but NOT reading books because of the language barrier.

SMALLER ITEMS OF CLOTHING

Good clothing is always needed, so if anyone fancies buying, or knitting, as appropriate:-

Hat Scarf Gloves T-shirts Shorts, etc

Accessories also bring much delight -

Jewellery, Earrings, Necklaces, Hairbands, Hairclips, etc

TOYS & TREATS

When choosing toys, please be aware of safety issues, as there might well be younger siblings in a child's family.

Small toy -- Small doll -- Ball -- Small game

Cuddly, soft toy - something to love and to remind them that they're not forgotten and that people in Britain care about them.

Building blocks/Lego, etc - expensive we know but always well received

Glow Sticks

Chess/Draughts

A watch - not an expensive one

Puzzles/Games which don't require English

Toy cars, lorries, etc - always well received

Sweets - enjoyed by young and old alike and shared round the family.



UNSUITABLE ITEMS

These would include:-

Any medicines

Anything that could injure a child, such as small items that could be swallowed, sharp items like scissors, razors, etc

Playing cards are frowned upon by many because of their associations with gambling and other card and family card games are unknown, so it's best not to send any kind of card game showing Hearts, Clubs, Diamonds and Spades. Other card games are fine

Bubble-bath - because of general washing conditions

DEADLINES

In order to get these gifts to Moldova in time for Christmas, we **MUST** set a deadline for them to be in our warehouse by

30th November 2014

WE HOPE YOU WILL WISH TO BE INVOLVED AND THAT EVERYONE WILL HAVE A GREAT TIME DOING SO.

THANK YOU!

A FEW IDEAS FOR CHRISTMAS SHOEBOXES

Age	Girls	Boys
2 to 4	Toothpaste and a toothbrush Shampoo and hair brush Chocolates and biscuits Top, socks and tights Soft toys Colouring books and pencils A dress	Toothpaste and a toothbrush Shampoo and comb Chocolates and biscuits T-shirt, socks and trousers Soft toys Colouring books and pencils Cars
4 to 7	Toothpaste and a toothbrush Shampoo and hair brush Toy and a calculator Chocolate and biscuits A top, socks and tights Notepad and a copybook Felt tip pens and pencils Soap and shower gel Hair clips and slides	Toothpaste and a toothbrush Shampoo and hair brush Chocolate and biscuits T-shirt, socks and sweater Copybook and notepad Paints, felt tip pens and pencils Lego and/or a car Soft toy
7 to 10	Toothpaste and a toothbrush Shampoo and hair brush A game and a calculator Chocolates and biscuits A top, socks and tights Notepad and a copybook Felt tip pens and water colouring paints Soap and hand cream Hair clips and slides A mug or a glass	Toothpaste and a toothbrush Shampoo and hair brush Chocolates and biscuits A T-shirt, socks and hat A copybook and notepad Water coloring paints and felt tip pens A lego, puzzles and a car A soft toy
10 to 12	Toothpaste and a toothbrush Hair brush A purse and a calculator Chocolates and biscuits A top, socks and tights A perfume and deodorant A hand cream and shower gel Hair clips and slides Jewellery	Toothpaste and a toothbrush Shampoo and a hair brush Chocolates and biscuits A T-shirt, socks and gloves Felt tip pens and notepad A lego and a wallet A soft toy and a game A deodorant and shower gel
12 to 15	Toothpaste and a toothbrush Shampoo and deodorant Paints and a notepad Chocolates and biscuits A top, socks and tights A brush, hair band and hair clip A game and face powder A purse, hat and gloves Jewellery	Toothpaste and a toothbrush Shampoo and deodorant Chocolates and biscuits A T-shirt, socks and gloves Paints and a notepad Felt tip pens, pencils and pens A lego and puzzles A wallet and a car
15 to 18	Toothpaste and a toothbrush Shampoo and deodorant Pens, pencils and a notepad Chocolates and biscuits A top, socks and tights A brush, hair band and hair clip A calculator and a watch A perfume and hand cream Jewellery Fragrant soaps	Toothpaste and a toothbrush Shampoo, shower gel and deodorant Chocolates and biscuits A T-shirt, socks, a hat and gloves Paints, pens and a notepad A lego and a calculator A hair brush and a watch A towel
Granny or Grandpa	Toothpaste and a toothbrush Shampoo and deodorant Fragrant soaps Chocolates and biscuits	Toothpaste and a toothbrush Shampoo, shower gel and deodorant Razor and shaving cream Chocolates and biscuits