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Rotary Chichester Priory Shoebox scheme Christmas 2025.

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are delighted to inform you that our school is participating this year in the nationwide Shoebox scheme. The Shoebox Scheme collects and sends boxes filled with gifts to disadvantaged children in Moldova, Montenegro, Romania, and Ukraine (via Poland), ensuring they receive them in time for Christmas. These special packages are prepared **using specific card boxes** provided by Rotary, and there are guidelines available in the form of a leaflet and a video that explain how to assemble and fill the boxes.

<https://wessexrotaryshoebox.org.uk/video/>

The premise of the scheme is very simple. We ask you to fill a box (**to be collected from the school office**) with new, or very good second-hand, items for either a boy or girl in the following age-group categories: 1-3 years; 4-7 years; 8-11 years; or 12-15 years of age.

These items could be soft toys and picture books for the youngest children, through to educational books, games, jigsaws, crayons and drawing books for the older children.

Experience has shown that other items, such as tooth brushes, tooth paste, hair brushes, flannels, socks, knitted hats and gloves have also been very well received by under-privileged children in the past.



Please do not include battery-powered items, food, liquids, medicines, or religious and war related items. You may also include a Christmas card from your family if you wish.

When you have filled your box, please decorate it in some way and then complete the label on the top of the box. The Rotary Club also asks that you Sellotape a two pound coin to the top of the box as this helps enormously with the transportation costs.

Please DO NOT seal your box or wrap it up as all boxes need to be checked before transportation.
Please can all boxes be returned to school by Thursday 23rd October.

May we thank you most sincerely in advance for taking part in this year's Shoebox scheme, which will ensure that an underprivileged child somewhere in these countries will receive a Christmas present on the day.

Kindest regards,

Adrian King

