

The Blake CE Primary School

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Dear Parents/carers,

This year, The Blake School would again like to support Teams4U (T4U) – Giving Love in a box this Christmas. Through the giving of a shoe box full of gifts, a little light can be brought into the lives of those less fortunate in many countries.

Here is what you can do to get involved.

- 1. Find an empty shoebox and wrap it in Christmas paper. (There are plenty of pre wrapped boxes available outside the school reception area should you wish to use one of these.)
- 2. Today, your child will have bought home a leaflet, which explains what you can put in a box and provides the necessary labels.
- 3. Choose who you would like your box to go to and fill out the label. Stick it on the front of your shoebox.
- 4. Go shopping and fill your box!
- 5. Complete the attached form on the leaflet and if possible enclose £3.00 towards the cost of transporting the box and place it in the shoe box.
- 6. Please bring completed boxes (closed with an elastic band) into school by **Friday 11th November**. Children can colour in a square on our display to show how many boxes we have collected.

Here is what can be put in the box:

<u>For boy and girls</u> : toothbrush and toothpaste, hair accessories, brush soap and face cloth, stationery and paper, gloves, hat and scarf, new socks/underwear, a soft toy, game, puzzle, small musical instrument, toy vehicles, small ball, sweets (use by date June 2023).

<u>Home box</u>: candles, cooking utensils (no knives), plastic containers, t towels, hairbrush, small toiletries, plastic utensils, bowls and cups, small Christmas decoration, small decorative item, soap, washing up cloths, clothes pegs, head scarves, new socks/underwear, jewellery, make up.

Please do not put in: food (other than sweets), medicines, military themed items, aerosols, sharp items, novels.

If you don't feel you can fill a box but would like to contribute individual items, these can be brought in and your children can place them in the box by the hall. We will then use them to make up full shoeboxes.

Over the next couple of weeks, your child will be reminded about filling boxes, but half term week is a really good time to get involved and fill a shoe box. It would be lovely for our school to be overflowing with filled shoeboxes by the 11th November. Let's work together to make a difference to the lives of others.