



10 November 2023

Dear Parents,

Please do not feel obligated to join in this project but we know how many children and families like to participate in this initiative!

As part of AECPS's ongoing charity work, we have chosen, once again, to support a nationwide shoebox appeal to provide Christmas gifts to vulnerable children and families. Your support, last year, was just incredible and as a school community we donated over 100 shoeboxes!

The Teams4U charity, operate around the world supporting community initiatives aiming to improve the lives of children through education, healthcare, training, financial assistance and delivering shoeboxes.

The shoebox gifts will travel to areas of Ukraine, Romania and Moldova and to deprived communities in Bosnia and Georgia. The shoeboxes will be given to a vulnerable child, or family, through schools, nurseries, hospitals and orphanages.

In class, your child will be thinking about the difference the Christmas gifts can make to the lives of children and families in deprived communities. They will also receive a leaflet, providing you with the information you will need to create your Christmas shoebox. Further information, including labels, lists of suitable items and those items that should not be included can be found on the following link. <https://teams4u.com/shoe-box-appeal-2023/>

Once you have wrapped and filled your shoebox (wrapping the lid and box separately), if possible, please include a donation of £3.00. Then, put an elastic band around your box and stick one of the labels, from the leaflet, onto your box to show who the box is appropriate for.

We would love to be able to send as many shoeboxes as possible, from AECPS, to children around the world. If you are unable to fill a whole shoebox then contributions are still very welcome. The deadline, for boxes to be brought into school, is **Monday 28th November** but please feel free to bring in at any point leading up to this date.

Many thanks in advance for your support. These generous gifts will undoubtedly bring great joy to vulnerable children and families around the world.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Gallimore

