

22nd September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

RE: Christmas Shoebox appeal 2023

It is that time of year when the Bexhill Academy community (students, parents/carers, staff and Bexhill residents) combine efforts to support the Christmas Shoebox Charity Appeal. Bexhill Academy will again be at the forefront of this valuable cause and as a community we feel it is our duty to spread happiness and joy to people, for whom Christmas is otherwise filled with pain and sadness.

As I am sure you will agree, it is truly heart breaking to imagine that any family, child or elderly person could be without food, shelter and basic essentials at Christmas time- even one present or gift would be a true luxury. This is the case for so many people, in our local area, in this country and all around the world.

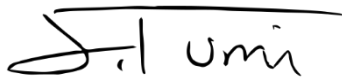
We can make a difference to so many of these people with the gift of a simple shoebox; filled with basic essentials, simple toys, sweets and other similar items. It is extremely likely that this shoe box is the only gift that they will receive this Christmas.

The deadline for all boxes to be in is Monday 13th November. We cannot accept boxes after this as they will need to be collected and shipped. On the following page is some guidance for creating a Christmas Shoebox gift.

It would be brilliant if every student could contribute to a box. This will only take you a small amount of time, effort and money but the impact it has on the people receiving it is truly priceless.

Thank you for your support for this valuable project and I hope that together we can bring some joy into the lives of people who would otherwise have nothing this Christmas.

Best wishes,



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How to pack your shoe box

1. Find an empty shoe box. The shoe box should ideally be medium size, but this is not vital.

2. Gather the items listed in the blue box plus additional items from either the Family or Elderly box.

3. Wrap the box in Christmas wrapping paper and place a label (available from your child's form tutor) on the lid to identify which group your box is for. Wrap the lid and box separately so it will still open.

4. Secure the lid with a rubber band and bring to student reception.

1. We want everyone to receive a fun and useful box of **new and unused** gifts so **every shoebox should contain all items in this blue box.**

<input type="checkbox"/> Gloves or Scarf or Hat (new or knitted)	<input type="checkbox"/> Toothbrush & Toothpaste
<input type="checkbox"/> Sweets or Chocolates (BB June 2023 EU Origin)	<input type="checkbox"/> Candles & Holders*
<input type="checkbox"/> Soap & Flannel	<input type="checkbox"/> Small Games (Travel Size Draughts/Dominoes/Playing Cards)

*Holder is for safety and stability

2. Then please **ADD 5 or more items** (at least one of each item) from the **Red Box** for a **Family Shoebox** **OR** from the **Purple Box** to make a **Unisex Elderly Shoebox.**

FAMILY

<input type="checkbox"/> Colouring Pads (A5)
<input type="checkbox"/> Crayons/Pencils (with rubber and sharpener)
<input type="checkbox"/> Small Toys (yo-yo, skipping rope, toy cars)
<input type="checkbox"/> Soft toy/teddy (with CE label)
<input type="checkbox"/> Tape Measure/DIY Tool
<input type="checkbox"/> Head Scarf (lightweight)
<input type="checkbox"/> Shampoo (max 300ml)
<input type="checkbox"/> Solar-Powered Calculator
<input type="checkbox"/> Safety Razors
<input type="checkbox"/> Hairbrush/Comb
<input type="checkbox"/> Other Gifts
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ELDERLY (UNISEX)

<input type="checkbox"/> Reading Glasses/Magnifier
<input type="checkbox"/> Mug/Wooden Spoon/Cutlery
<input type="checkbox"/> Sensory Item (eg Lavender Bag)
<input type="checkbox"/> Hot Water Bottle
<input type="checkbox"/> Work Gloves
<input type="checkbox"/> Pen/Paper
<input type="checkbox"/> Socks/Tights (NEW)
<input type="checkbox"/> Wind-Up Radio/Torch
<input type="checkbox"/> Shampoo (max 300ml)
<input type="checkbox"/> Scissors/Nail Clippers
<input type="checkbox"/> Safety Razors
<input type="checkbox"/> Other Gifts
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OR