



ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS C. E. (FOUNDATION) PRIMARY AND PRE-SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers

Calderdale Community Shoebox Appeal

Rotary Clubs in Calderdale have now launched their Annual Shoebox Appeal which will run in the weeks leading up to Christmas.

We are fully aware that times are difficult for many families and individuals in our community and the expectations for some in the run up to Christmas might be quite bleak. Therefore we are hoping that children, parents and friends of St Michael and All Angels will support this appeal by filling one of the boxes we have in school and returning them so they can be distributed to the needier here in our society in the weeks leading up to Christmas.

Over the last 10 years Rotary has identified many charities, individuals and good causes in Calderdale who will be the end recipients of the filled shoeboxes. Last year over 2,000 boxes were given out and over 50% of these went to children in our community from Brighouse through to Todmorden.

There are two possible fillings; Toys or Toiletries and guidelines are printed on the boxes as to what kind of items might be donated. If filling a box for a child, please though do not put in second-hand toys unless they are 'like new'.

Although it is wonderful to give presents for children in the same age group as our school there is also a great need for boxes for different ages groups, these are:- babies, young children up to age 5, 11 to 15 year olds as well as the elderly.

Should you wish to fill a box then please collect one from the school office. Boxes could also be decorated on the outside (though not wrapped please) to add that extra smile at Christmas to the individual receiving it. The Rotary Club would be delighted if a 50p or £1 coin could be sellotaped onto the circle on the front of the box on its return, (though this is not obligatory) and would be used to purchase further boxes and support transportation costs. If you are unable to fill a whole box but would like to make a contribution please send items such as new toys, hats, scarves, gloves, toothpaste,

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toothbrushes, soap, pens, pencils, puzzle books, colouring books etc. into school and these will be used to make up additional boxes.

The boxes will need to be returned to The Rotary Club so they can be sorted, distributed and delivered before Christmas, so **please return boxes to school by 14th November.**

Final Note:- The flat-pack boxes cost nearly a £1 to produce so if you receive a box and for whatever reason are unable to fill it, please return to school so it may be re-used.

Thank you for your generosity and continued support.

Yours faithfully

Mrs C Berry

Head Teacher