

Dear Parent/Guardian,

This year as with every year our school is supporting Team Hope's Christmas Shoebox Appeal.

The Christmas Shoebox Appeal is an annual campaign where thousands of individuals in Ireland donate shoeboxes filled with gifts to be given to children affected by poverty in Africa or Eastern Europe.

It is an opportunity to share a little joy and excitement with children who live in circumstances where these feelings can sometimes be in short supply.

You can read their stories at [www.TeamHope.ie](http://www.TeamHope.ie)

This year, the Christmas Shoebox Appeal is online but they are also taking in physical shoeboxes.

Every €20 donated will allow Team Hope's partners in Africa and Eastern Europe to purchase items for shoeboxes locally, which will then be packaged and delivered directly into the hands of children.

We are setting up an option to donate using the school App just like last year. If you would prefer we are also taking in "made-up" boxes to be sent off. If students/families would like to make up a box before November 5<sup>th</sup> and please leave it into the office or prefab 7.

If you want to build a shoebox please follow the steps below.

1. Wrap a box
2. Decide who your gift is for, a girl or boy aged between 2-14
3. Fill your box with lovely gifts using items from the 4W's list. (see below for the 4 W's)
4. Add €4 to help get your box to a child and use an elastic band to secure the box.

To make a virtual box of your own with your child you can visit [www.TeamHope.ie](http://www.TeamHope.ie) at any time and choose the items you would like to add.

Thank you so much for helping us to support this appeal,

Ms Bagnall.

# THE 4W's

These are some ideas of things you might fill your Team Hope Christmas Shoebox with:

## WRITE



Pens/Pencils  
Crayons  
Paper/Copy Books  
Colouring Books  
Markers  
Sharpener  
Eraser

## WASH



Soap (wrapped)  
Hairbrush  
Comb  
Toothbrush  
Toothpaste  
Facecloth

## WEAR



Socks  
Underwear  
Flip Flops  
Hat  
Scarf  
Gloves

## WOW



Cuddly Toy  
Skipping rope/Yo-yo  
Sweets (in date until 04/22)  
Musical Instrument  
Sunglasses  
Toy Car  
Doll  
Ball

### WHAT NOT TO INCLUDE:

Please do not send liquids (shampoo, bubbles), sharp objects, food/chocolate, books with lots of words, scary items (Halloween, war related, masks, toy snakes), breakables or medicines.

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