Dear Parent/Carer

15th October 2015

Operation Christmas Child (Deadline: Thursday 22nd October)

We would like to please remind you of our current charity campaign called Operation Christmas Child run by the UK charity Samaritan’s Purse. Many staff members, students and their families have already been generously donating and we are very grateful for your contributions. Thank you for all who have sent in shoe boxes, gifts, wrapping paper and cash towards shipping costs of Christmas shoebox to developing countries around the world.

I am very pleased to say that we currently have enough to fill approximately 20 shoeboxes with gifts suitable for boys or girls aged between 2 and 14 years. However we still have more than 100 empty shoeboxes that need to be wrapped and packed with toys, school supplies, hygiene items and a main present for each child. As the deadline of half term is only next week, please continue to send in your contributions via Miss Martin (Barfleur – B block) and we look forward to sorting them into gender and age specific boxes.

There is also now the option to donate using ParentPay using the code SAM001. You may donate any amount between £1 and £1000, and as a guide we hope to at least cover shipping of £3 per box.

Please do not send us any of the following: used or damaged items, war related items such as toy guns, play soldiers or knives; chocolate or other food items; liquids or lotions of any type including bubbles; medicines; hand-made or knitted stuffed toys; anything of a political, racial or religious nature; playing cards (of the 4-suit variety); sharp objects; glass containers, mirrors or fragile items.

By donating very simple and yet practical gifts you can make a huge difference in the life of another child this Christmas. Through this campaign, we want to teach children here in the UK about generosity and compassion for other children who need to know that they are loved and not forgotten. We hope that you will want to get involved with us in this year’s Operation Christmas Child campaign and help us reach needy children with shoebox gifts that bring love, hope and joy this Christmas.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns. However should you have any questions or concerns about Operation Christmas Child, or Samaritan’s Purse, please visit: www.samaritans-purse.org.uk.

Thank you for your continued support.

Miss R Martin – Head of Barfleur House