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The Rotary in Calderdale Community Shoebox Appeal 2023



Dear Parents and Carers,

Our school is going to participate in the wonderful Rotary Shoebox community appeal that we know will put a smile on so many faces at Christmas time. So we say straight away, thank you.

The Rotary Clubs in Calderdale are looking for your help by either filling a shoebox or providing a gift item. These can be filled with new or nearly new toys or toiletries and should be clearly labelled with its intended recipient (e.g Girl aged 6).

A message from Bryan "we are short of:

- Baby gifts, 0-1 year, 1-2, 2-3 years. Anything for this age group in a box or as loose items.
- Boys and Girls aged 10-11. Again anything children that age might want buy for themselves but can include pens, drawing books ,hair items, gloves etc
- Boys & Girls over 12 we usually provide age specific toiletry items, puzzles, games as well as 'keep warm' items. Sweets & chocolates are welcomed!

These would be fine either in an 'ordinary' shoebox or donated as loose items. The more the merrier!"

The children who help fill the boxes are encouraged to decorate the outside if they wish to add that extra further smile at Christmas to the individual receiving it.

Once the filled boxes or other loose items have been returned to school (**No later than Friday 1**st **December 2023)**, they will be distributed during the three weeks leading up to Christmas, to the needier in Calderdale. Those who are given a Christmas shoebox will range from the very young to the older in our community. This is a lovely way in which we can help others less fortunate within our local community.

If you have any queries please just ask appeals co-ordinator, Rotarian Bryan Harkness whose contact details are:- Phone 07770471698 or email <u>bh@rkness.co.uk</u>

Thank you!

Working with the Diocese of Leeds and the Metropolitan Borough of Calderdale May he give you the desire of your heart and make all your plans succeed Psalm 20:4













