

Mary's Meals Backpack Project and 'Pennies in a Bottle'



Collection Date: Tuesday 20th June

(bags can be brought to school from Thursday 15th June)

The Backpack Project helps children from poor families to attend school in countries like Liberia and Malawi. Very often these families cannot afford to buy basic things like pencils and notebooks, or even suitable clothes to wear to school and so children miss out on an education.

Mary's Meals will send the backpacks to the children, enabling them to receive an education that will help them escape poverty in later life. When children attend school they also get one meal a day which the mum's make while their child is learning.

We would be grateful if you could help us to help others, by adding items below in a rucksack that you no longer use. **Good quality second hand items are great! The only items that must be new are soap, toothbrushes and toothpaste:**

- pens, pencils, felt tips, rubber, sharpener, ruler
- soap (not liquid), towel, toothbrush, toothpaste, comb
- t-shirt, shorts, socks, skirt
- sandals, flip flops
- soft toy or a ball
- a little note and maybe a photo of themselves



If you can't fill it completely, just send in some items, which will be sent too. Could you please make sure each backpack is labelled with boy or girl and an age.

We also learned about 'Pennies in a bottle.' If you prefer you can fill an old water bottle with 5ps, 1ps, 2ps. **£13.90 will feed a child for a year.** Or bring in 'pennies' and pop them in your class bottle.



Thanking you for helping us to help others.

RRS Committee and Mrs Sibille

<https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/get-involved/campaigns/the-backpack-project/what-to-pack>