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TO ALL PARENTS

Dear Parents,

BLYTHSWOOD CARE - SHOEBOX APPEAL 2019

As has been the custom in previous years, it is hoped that children, staff and indeed residents within the local community will once again participate in the annual Shoebox Appeal that Blythswood operate.

The deadline for this year's appeal is Friday 1st November 2019. As is customary, all boxes will be checked by a representative from Blythswood, prior to boxes being shipped from the island. **I would therefore be grateful if all shoeboxes could be handed into the school by Monday 28th October 2019** to allow time for them to be taken to Stornoway and checked before the deadline.

Please ensure that instructions on the leaflet are followed carefully, particularly with reference to suitable items for inclusion and also the packing of the Shoebox, as custom regulations are very strict. **All Shoeboxes should have a checklist secured to them detailing the contents.** Should any family wish to make up more than one Shoebox please feel free to contact me at the school where I will be happy to supply you with further copies of the checklist.

We do recognise that filling a shoebox can be expensive. Should any family wish to contribute to the Shoebox Appeal but for any reason find themselves unable to fill a complete shoebox, then please do feel free to donate individual items listed on the checklist and we will make sure these are also taken to the depot where they can be used to make up additional shoeboxes. Alternatively should families wish to make a monetary donation to the Shoebox Appeal, they can do so by using the envelope within the leaflet and sending their donation in to the school. Again, we will make sure Blythswood receive all donations gifted in this way.

We know that the Shoebox Appeal does make a very real difference in the lives of the recipients. It brings a brightness and hope to those who are exceptionally poor and have very little. This year, shoeboxes are being distributed in Albania, Bulgaria, Hungary, Kosovo, Moldova, Pakistan, Romania, Serbia and the Ukraine. Our hope is that as many of us as possible will find some time to make up a Shoebox in the knowledge that it will bring a spark of happiness to the men, women, boys and girls who receive them.

Leis gach durachd,

Kirsteen J. Maclean
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