

Tuesday 7th November 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Everyone loves to receive a present at Christmas but for many vulnerable children and families in Southeast Europe Christmas serves as a reminder of their isolation and poverty. This year Bonneville Primary school has decided to support a Christmas box appeal run by House of Opportunity (houseofopportunity.org), to try and help some of the poorest people in Europe to have a more joyful Christmas.

Nearly 8,000 Christmas boxes for men, women and children, filled with small toys, sweets, hats and scarves, toiletries and other goodies were donated through this organisation last year. These were distributed to abandoned children living in state care, poor rural schools and kindergartens, women's refuges, isolated elderly people, Ukrainian refugees and Roma children in Bulgaria, spreading a little joy to those living in very difficult circumstances.

Will you help us to show those living with so little that we are thinking of them? Participating with the project is easy - leaflets containing guidance and instructions will be coming home with your child early next week but in the meantime if you would like to find more information and start preparing your shoe box please look at christmasbox.org.

The deadline for bringing completed boxes into school is the end of day **on Monday 13th November** ready for collection Tuesday morning by the company.

Thank you for your thoughtful cooperation with this project. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch with Mrs Lodge (Yr6 Additional Class Teacher).

Kind Regards, Mrs Lodge (Year 6 Additional Class Teacher)

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