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Dear Parent/Carer,

On **Monday 22nd December**, the plan is to have our annual Christmas service for the secondary students of TCSOA at the Parish Church in Auchterarder.

As part of the service, we plan to highlight the work of a Scottish organisation called '**Blythswood**.' Every year they organise a 'shoebox appeal' for underprivileged people in Eastern Europe. Last year they sent over 85,000 shoeboxes to eight different countries – Albania, Bulgaria, Hungary, Kosovo, Moldova, Romania, Serbia and Ukraine.

Each box is different, each one personal, each one an expression of your care and kindness towards a stranger in need.

Filled with small, practical items such as toiletries, stationery, and clothing, the individually wrapped boxes have been distributed in schools, hospitals, orphanages and care homes, and to households in very low-income communities. Many have gone to people affected by the war in Ukraine.

More information can be found on their website: <https://blythswood.org/shoeboxappeal/>

We invite you to donate to a collection for the work of this organisation. Staff at 'Blythswood' have given us a list of items that are required to allow us to make up shoeboxes. We are asking pupils from each registration class to bring in as many of the specific items as possible as outlined on the next page of this letter.

Time is short. We need to collect and pack all the items by the start of November.

Donations should be taken to your child's registration teacher. The opportunity to donate will remain open until the end of the school day on **Friday 31st October**.

There will be a special prize for the three registration classes that collect the most individual items.

We completely understand that each family's financial circumstances are different, so we only invite you to contribute if you feel able to do so. Even a very small donation would be gratefully received.

Gift donations are our preferred way of supporting 'Blythswood', but if you would prefer to donate financially to them, then this is possible via this ParentPay link: <https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=5934> (Please select donation from the Reason for Payment dropdown menu).

I am grateful to you for taking the time to read through this letter.

Many thanks in anticipation of your support,

David Lambert
Head Teacher

Items allocated to each Registration Class

Reg Class	Toothbrush & Toothpaste	Shampoo	Deodorant	Soap	Socks	Tights	Sweets	Scarf / Hat / Gloves	Gift
1C	G	G					G		G
1D	G	G					G		G
1K	B		B				B		B
2C			B	B			B		B
2D			B	B	B		B		B
2T		G		G		G	G		G
3C			B					B	B
3D			B					B	B
3K		G						G	G
3T		G						G	G
Reg Class	Toothbrush & Toothpaste	Shampoo	Underwear	Soap	Socks	Tights	Sweets	Scarf / Hat / Gloves	Gift
4C		G		G		G	G		G
4D		G		G		G	G		G
4K	B				B		B		B
4T	B				B		B		B
5C			B					B	B
5D			B					B	B
5K			G					G	G
5T			G					G	G
6C/6D			B					B	B
6K/6T			G					G	G

G = Gifts for a teenage girl

B = Gifts for a teenage boy