

# Operation Christmas Child



Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Primary School families were once again beyond generous as Christmas shoe boxes came into school ready for the big collection date of **20th November 2019**.

Every year children at Our Lady of Fatima School are encouraged to think of others as part of their preparations for the celebration of the birth of Jesus at Christmas. This year, we shared video footage from the Samaritan's Purse website of the journey of the shoeboxes from the UK to developing countries abroad. The pupils saw the excitement on the young children's faces overseas as they received their own Christmas box of goodies to open at Christmas.

'Operation Christmas Child' was once again a phenomenal success as our pupils and their families generously donated Christmas gifts to these children. Our school virtue for the month of November was 'attentive and discerning'. Children certainly demonstrated the example that they set to others by extending their thoughtfulness towards others overseas as they prepared their Christmas gift boxes. Each box was carefully thought out with gifts suitable for all ages. Pupils from Year 6 counted, then carried the boxes to the collection van. A staggering **103** Christmas shoeboxes were collected ensuring that there will be 103 most grateful, happy children receiving surprises beyond their dreams this Christmas.

There is always a great feeling of satisfaction from the children, knowing that their charitable donations light up the faces of many children on Christmas day. Thank you to our pupils and their families for their generosity of giving, but also for their generosity of remembering others less fortunate than themselves in prayer. Let's hope that our acts of generosity and kindness help others to have the best Christmas ever.

**"For it is in giving that we receive."** Saint Francis of Assisi

