



# Monk Fryston Church of England Primary School

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Dear Parent or Guardian

This year the school is supporting the Rotary Shoebox Scheme. This scheme provides gifts for children and families in Eastern Europe who live in very poor circumstances.

There are three different types of box that you can fill:

- " Toys for the younger children
- " Teenage items for boys and girls up to 18 years old
- " Household items for families

You do not need to decide which type until you get your box and then you indicate on the lid which type you are filling.

The Rotary Club of Wetherby Wharfedale will provide the shoeboxes in which to place your gifts. These boxes are made especially strong to protect the contents during their long journey.

**Please use only these boxes and not ordinary shoeboxes.** The boxes can be decorated with felt tips or crayons as long as the top surface, indicating who the box is for, is visible. There is also space to add your name, as the person making the gift. Printed on each box are suggestions as to what to put into the box.

Boxes will be collected from school and taken to a central Rotary Warehouse before being sent off to one of the countries in need. In the past these countries have included: Belarus, Ukraine, Romania, Bulgaria and Albania This year we again hope to target children in the many Refugee Camps throughout the E.U..

**Please do not request a box unless you intend to fill and return it.**

To complete the gift, Only a **£1 coin** is requested to help pay towards transport costs to Eastern Europe. In the past we have asked for this to be sellotaped to the outer box lid but we have found that many boxes are not returned or lost. We now therefore ask you to first bring in a £1 coin when requesting a box.

If you would like to fill one of these shoe boxes please complete the tear-off slip below and hand it in to the School Secretary's Office by next week, along with your £1 coin. The box will then be issued to you and we ask that you return it to school after the half term holiday.

**\*\*PLEASE RETURN THIS SLIP BY MONDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER\*\***

Yes, please let me have one of the special Rotary Shoeboxes so that I can fill it with gifts for children or families in Eastern Europe.

I understand that the £1 coin attached is the total cost. Rotary fund any further transport costs.

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Yr Group \_\_\_\_\_

