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Dear Parents

This year the Parents Association are running a Christmas Shoebox appeal to help the local homeless community. We are working with a local company, Tallaght Adventure World (TAW) and local charity, Visit, who are working together to give those less fortunate a Christmas day meal as well as some supplies that we may sometimes take for granted. This is for a great cause as we are all aware of the number of people out there struggling and have run into disastrous circumstances.

We are looking for as many families as possible to pack a shoebox(s) with some small items to pass on to TAW and Visit for the local homeless (there is a limited amount of spare shoeboxes in the lobby if anyone needs). The following is a guideline of what you need to do:

- 1) Pack a shoebox and label it Male, Female, Child Male or Child Female. If possible wrap your box (wrap box and lid separate so it is easy to open and be checked by charity before handing out).
- 2) Fill the shoebox with unused or new essentials such as socks, underwear, hats, scarves, gloves, sweets, chocolate and toiletries *\*please note, no aerosols, perfumes, aftershaves, mouthwash or hand sanitizers should be included.*
- 3) Another suggested item to include in the box is a blank Christmas card and stamped envelope! Due to circumstances some of these people have lost contact with their families and friends and this may give them a way of getting back in contact with them for Christmas.
- 4) Drop your shoebox back to the school and leave in lobby anytime from now up to Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December.

If you are unable to donate a full shoebox, please feel free to bring in any of the suggested items as we will be able to put together additional boxes with them.

Depending on the number of shoeboxes received, we may consider donating to additional charities for distribution around the local areas and city, so the more the better!

Yours sincerely,  
The Parents Association Committee