

Dear Parent/Carer

This year, The Wellington Academy, Wellington Primary and Wellington Eagles will be taking part in the Christmas Shoebox appeal in aid of the Andover Foodbank. In 2018, the Foodbank distributed 785 shoeboxes to children in our local community who otherwise would be unlikely to receive a gift on Christmas morning, that number is expected to rise.

At our two Primary schools, the shoeboxes will be filled as a class activity and in the Secondary school, it will be done as a tutor group. Each tutor/class will receive a pre-wrapped shoebox to fill with gifts (and are more than welcome to fill two or more boxes if they wish). If every class/tutor donates just one box each that is 65 local children who will wake up to a box of treats on Christmas morning.

On Thursday 7th November, a representative from Andover Foodbank will be coming to the Academy to collect donations from our three schools. The deadline for donations is Wednesday 6th November and you can find a list below from the Foodbank of what can and can't be included.

Examples of what to donate:

- Sweets & Chocolate
- Toys: dolls, teddies, rattles, vehicles, bath toys, bouncy balls etc
- Games & Puzzles
- Stationary & Crafts
- Books
- Accessories: scarf, hat, gloves, belt, jewellery, wallet/purse
- Toiletries & Bath bombs

Please do not include:

- Other edible items such as crisps or biscuits
- Glass containers, mirrors or fragile items
- Toy weapons e.g. guns or knives
- Clothing (other than accessories listed)
- Sharp objects

You child's class/tutor will decide on the gender and age range of their class shoebox so please make age appropriate donations.

If you would like to donate a box of your own, please see attached guide from Andover Foodbank and drop it in to The Wellington Academy reception, before the 6th November, for the attention of Mrs Matthews.

Kind regards,
Mollie Matthews
Digital Marketing Officer

Christmas box

My box is for:

A girl

0-1 years

2-4 years

5-7 years

8-10 years

11-13 years

14-15 years

Christmas box

My box is for:

A boy

0-1 years

2-4 years

5-7 years

8-10 years

11-13 years

14-15 years

Examples of what to pack:

- Sweets & chocolate: ensure each item has a 'use by' date on it
- Toys: vehicles, dolls, cuddly toy, rattle, ball or bath toy
- Games & puzzles: small puzzle, jigsaw or packs of cards
- Stationary: felt pens, crayons, colouring book, stickers or craft kit
- Books: picture book, novel, joke book or puzzle book
- Accessories: scarf, hat, gloves, belt, jewellery or wallet
- Toiletries: bubble bath, shower gel, body spray, nail varnish or make up

Please do not include:

- Other edible items e.g. crisps or biscuits
- Glass containers, mirrors or fragile items
- Toy weapons, e.g. guns or knives
- Clothing (other than listed)
- Sharp objects

How to pack the box:

Use an empty medium-size shoe box. Cover the box in Christmas paper making sure that you wrap the lid and box separately. Decide whether your gift will be for a BOY or a GIRL and the age category. Choose the appropriate boy/girl label and tick the box for the age group. Stick the label to the outside of the lid. Fill the shoe box with gifts.

Please do not wrap any items individually. Secure the lid with an elastic band and do not seal the box as it will need to be checked.

