



**HARLESTON SANCROFT**  
ACADEMY

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**Value for this half term: Hope**

**Theme for this week (09 - 13 October 2023): Hope for the children**

**Life Skills theme for the week: We are loyal friends**

**Life in All its Fullness:**

With the two most recent themes for the week in mind - 'Bringing hope to others' 'Hope for the children' - our lead chaplain, Amy Cossey spoke to our students in Collective Worship last Tuesday and Wednesday about 'Operation Christmas Child'.

**Our Vision**

The Harleston Sancroft Academy is a community that flourishes, through God's love, to live

**'Life in All its Fullness'**

(JOHN 10:10 AND JOHN 13:34).

We are a foundation of **Hope**; a family of **Love**; a school of nurture guided by **Faith**; promoting a unique, personalised journey towards excellence.

and

The mission of Operation Christmas Child is to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to children in need, and to bring hope to others all over the world.

There is a great deal more information [here](#).

In summary, we are supporting this charity and accepting donations to fill empty shoe boxes with a variety of items including: school supplies, personal care items, and fun toys, such as small teddy bears, card games, or puzzles.

Attached to this newsletter are further gift ideas for our shoe box appeal - and also reminders about the charity's prohibited items. Donations of single items will be very much appreciated.

**SHOEBOX GIFT IDEAS (AGE 5-9)**



**SPECIAL ITEM:** Something to immediately capture the child's attention e.g. a cuddly toy, large toy car or truck, a rag doll, a deflated football and pump, a solar-powered torch.



**SCHOOL SUPPLIES AND CREATIVE ACTIVITIES:** Pencil case; crayons; writing pens and pencils; colouring pens and pencils; highlighters; child friendly pencil sharpener; ruler; eraser; glue stick (not liquid glue); safety scissors; small adhesive tape; notebook; drawing pad; colouring book; solid paint palette and paint brushes set; pre-inked stampers; pavement chalk; whiteboard and dry wipe pens; stencils; mini Spirograph kit; solar calculator; stickers.



**ACCESSORIES:** Baseball cap; sunglasses; woolly hat, gloves, mittens, scarf; hair ties, bows and dress-up headbands; small backpack, handbag or drawstring bag; purse or wallet; children's jewellery; watch, reusable non-breakable containers e.g. cup, water bottle, plate, bowl; small items of clothing e.g. socks, flip-flops, T-shirt.



**TOYS:** Skipping rope; tennis ball; building bricks/Lego type kit; click together model; glider kit (non-military); bead kit; play people; animal figures; dinosaurs; foldable play mat e.g. farm, zoo, city or racetrack; transport toys e.g. car, train, plane, truck or boat; plastic doll; hand or finger puppets; play dough (ideally with cookie cutters and play tools); toy tools; slinky; yo-yo; dominoes; spinning top; kaleidoscope; toy binoculars; finger skateboard; wind-up or pull-back toy; bouncy ball; inflatable beach ball; small frisbee, small kite, interactive toys that include push buttons, lights and noise (include extra batteries).



**MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS:** Tambourine, shaker, bells, sports whistle, recorder, harmonica, slide whistle, tin whistle, finger drums, maracas, triangle, mini xylophone, kazoo, castanets.



**GAMES:** Card games, small puzzles, puzzle cubes, jacks, mini board games, etc.



**A NOTE FROM YOU:** Christmas card, note of greeting, photo of yourself/your family.



**HYGIENE ITEMS:** Toothbrush, hairbrush, comb, bar of soap, flannel, sponge, washmitt, chapstick, compact mirror (ensure protected).



**DO NOT INCLUDE:** Toothpaste, sweets, lotions and liquids; used or damaged items; war-related items; seeds, gum, chocolate or food items; religious or political literature; medicines, aerosol cans, sharp or fragile items.

The collection box for donations is in the Secondary phase **Reception** area.

Please note: the deadline for donations is **Tuesday 17 October**.

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## Online Safety Newsletters:

The school community is committed to ensuring that our students are educated about the online world and that they become increasingly aware of how to keep themselves safe. Parents and carers will often ask how they can also support their child, how they can stay up to date with the latest apps that children are using, and how they can take a more active role monitoring their child's use of devices at home.



## Staying Safe

With this in mind, we will be providing a monthly newsletter for parents and carers, as well as a guide to parental controls which can be found [here](#). The Online Safety newsletters for September and October are attached separately.

## Key dates for October:

Y10 students and their families: *Welcome to KS4 Evening* - Thurs 5 Oct '23 (Studio) - 17:00-18:00

Y10 & Y11 *FE Event* - Thurs 12 Oct '23 (Main Hall) - 16:30-18:30

*French & History Excursion* departs late at night on Weds 11 Oct '23

Y11 *Revision Evening* (for students & parents/carers) - Tues 17 Oct '23 - 17:00-18:30

*Friends of Harleston Sancroft Academy AGM* - Tues 17 Oct - from 19:15

Y7 *Reading Together Evening* - Thurs 19 Oct '23 - 17:30 - 18:30

October half-term holiday: Mon 23 Oct - Fri 27 Oct '23

Students return to school after the holiday: Mon 30 Oct '23



**School website and Twitter:** The [school website](#) is a useful source of information.

Please also visit the Harleston Sancroft Academy [X /Twitter feed](#) for photos and updates.

## A Prayer for Kindness

Dear Lord, thank you for the daily acts of kindness in our school and home, thank you also for peoples' generosity and love. Help me to be kind through my words, actions and attitude. Amen.

