

Christmas Shoebox Appeal

Dear Pre-Schools,

We hope your new term has started well.

We are so excited to be launching this year's Christmas Shoebox Appeal!

www.TeamHope.ie

What is the Christmas Shoebox Appeal

The Christmas Shoebox Appeal is an annual campaign sending gift filled shoeboxes from Ireland to children affected by poverty in countries across Africa and Eastern Europe.

For Pre- Schools:

Our website has lots of fun, free activities to download to help you to take part, such as:

- A colouring sheet • Maze • Aistear station • Stories • Crafts • and more!

Complete the attached form to order your leaflets (1 per person) and posters or order them online at TeamHope.ie

Our leaflets and website will give you all the information you need to put together your Christmas Shoeboxes and if you have any questions please do get in touch!

Our Aistear based book Bunny's Shoebox Journey is available for purchase at ShopInIreland.ie and ToysAndGames.ie

Created specially for pre-schools, **Bunny's Shoebox Journey** brings the story of the Christmas Shoebox Appeal to life for our smallest learners.

The back section of the book includes Aistear based Conversation Starters, a map, stories of children who have received Christmas Shoeboxes and all you need to know to make Christmas Shoeboxes with your early learners.

Supported by **Dr Mary O'Kane**, Lecturer in Psychology and Parenting Expert on Ireland AM. Illustrated in collaboration with **NCAD**.

Bunny's Shoebox Journey



Every Christmas Shoebox brings so much **joy, love** and **hope**. This year, more than ever, every shoebox counts!

We would love for you to encourage your families to take part and to see how many shoeboxes your school can make this year!

Many thanks

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