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Dear Headteacher,

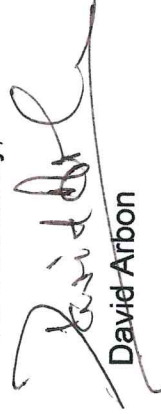
I am writing to you on behalf of Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box Appeal to thank you for encouraging your staff and pupils to take part in this amazing charitable work. My name is David Arbon and I am the lead volunteer at the temporary warehouse in Consett where all the shoe boxes from our area are checked and packed into cartons ready for export. In 2018, we had 131 volunteers helping out in the warehouse who gave almost 3000 volunteer hours. I am delighted to tell you that, on 30 November, we loaded cartons containing 10,057 shoe boxes onto a lorry which took them off on a three-day journey to Belaruss, where they were distributed to very needy children. I am so grateful to you and your school for taking part this year and I hope you will continue to do so in 2019.

Please be aware that from this year onwards, due to customs restrictions, we are obliged to ask supporters not to put either toothpaste or sweets into their shoe boxes. Very sad, but otherwise shoe boxes could be confiscated.

If, later in the year, say September or October, you would like someone to come to give a short talk to your pupils about the Shoe Box Appeal, please do not hesitate to contact me and I will do my best to provide someone.

Thank you once again.

Yours sincerely,


David Arbon