



## INVESTORS IN FAMILIES

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Objective	To provide Christmas gifts for children less fortunate than children in this country
Sub Objective	To show an awareness of others who are in need
Objective Detail	To send shoe box gifts to children in need
What We Did	<p>Children were made aware of children who would not receive any gifts at Christmas through an assembly and in their classes. Leaflets about the scheme were sent home to parents informing them of how they could become involved with their child. During Parents Evening a DVD showing children receiving a Christmas shoe box was shown whilst parents were waiting or having refreshments.</p> <p>Shoe boxes were collected in school. Representatives from the charity were invited in to school for an assembly to collect the boxes ready for distribution.</p> <p>Families who felt unable to send in a complete box were encouraged to send in single items which were put together to make boxes</p>
How Well It Worked	This scheme proved to be very successful. This year fifty boxes were collected and passed to the charity. Most children included cards, pictures and messages for the receiving child and were very excited to bring in a box. Families with more than one child in school sent encouraged each child to bring in a box. Children were helped to choose items which they thought a child would enjoy and they helped parents to decorate or wrap boxes.
Benefits We See	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Parents and children worked together to help those less fortunate</li> <li>- Parents and children were more aware of children who needed their support</li> <li>- Parents and children were more aware that they could make a little difference to someone</li> <li>- Children beginning to talk about how they might feel if they were in a similar situation</li> </ul>
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