



The Rotary Club of Great Missenden and District



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Dear Head Teacher,

Thank you most sincerely for the wonderful way you, your parents and especially your pupils supported the Rotary Shoebox Scheme this year.

Today, the 1600 shoeboxes donated by you and 15 other local schools were dispatched from our warehouse in Pitstone starting their journey to Preston in Lancashire. There they will be sorted into their various categories. Then approx. 50,000 will be loaded into a Pantechicon owned by the International Aid Trust leaving for the journey to Eastern Europe including calls in Romania and adjoining countries. There they will be distributed by members of Spurgeons, Hope and Homes for Children <http://www.hopeandhomes.org>, Prison Fellowship International and local Rotary members. They will be given to highly deprived children, extremely poor families, street children in the big cities or children in highly deprived schools. Hope and Homes for Children aim to have all the remaining eleven Institutions in Romania closed down by 2020, placing all the children in Small Family Homes. (SFH's). Full information of the national scheme can be found on www.rotaryshoebox.org

For your interest, the attached photos were taken by the author (centre photo) in a Small Family Home for 10 children with a house Mother and Father on a visit to Romania in April of this year. Third picture taken is in a Roma colony (the poorest of the poor).

Yours sincerely,

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