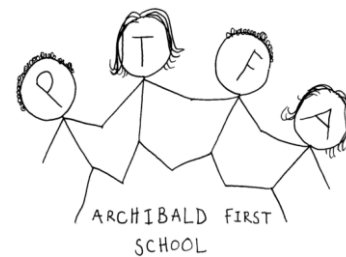


Mary's Meals Backpack Appeal



Registered charity number 1099483

Archibald First School PTFA will be running the **Mary's Meals** Backpack Appeal again this year. Mary's Meals is a secular charity that helps children from third world countries like Malawi and Liberia go to school. The charity gives them lunch which encourages families to send their children to school however the children need clothing, shoes, toiletries and stationery to attend; things we all take for granted. Providing a free meal at school means children in these countries are more likely to attend and gain an education to try and break the poverty cycle.

The list of wanted items is below so look out for these at home (recycle and get more cupboard space!) or on your weekly shop. Please don't feel you have to spend a lot of money; the majority of needed items can be second hand and value brands of toiletries are fine. If you don't have the time but wish to support this appeal then a cash donation is useful for us to buy any items we are short of. Complete backpacks with a label stating the age and gender of the child the clothes fit are ideal but don't be deterred from donating a partly filled pack or just one item (especially pairs of flip flops).

Backpacks (including closable bags with straps), spare items and any money donated will be collected in the small hall just after October half term (4-8th November).

We were pleased to send over 50 full backpacks and lots of spare items last year – let's make it more this time and enable even more children to gain the education we take for granted. One last plea: on the morning of **Friday 15th November** we'd really appreciate it if anyone can help us to sort the backpacks out from 9am in the mobile (Playgroup / Out of School care building) - many hands make light work! Toddlers can come and "help" as well, **biscuits** will be provided.

NEEDED ITEMS

PENCIL CASE with PENCILS/PENS/CRAYONS, RUBBER, RULER and a PENCIL SHARPENER

NOTEPAD

METAL SPOON

BALL e.g. tennis

TOWEL- hand towel sized

DRESS or T SHIRT & SHORTS/SKIRT - age 4-12 (second hand is fine).

FLIPFLOPS - preferred as the kids have wide feet (but sandals are a decent alternative)

BACKPACK- a rucksack is best (but any bag that has straps and can be closed)

TOOTHBRUSH, TOOTHPASTE and SOAP - **These 3 items should be new and packaged**

Thank you very much

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<http://www.marysmeals.org.uk/what-you-can-do/backpack-project/>