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Dear Parents/Carers,

Harvest Festival 2023

Our annual Harvest Festival will be taking place on Wednesday 4th and Thursday 5th October. We are fortunate that Father Matt from All Saints Church will be visiting the school during the week to deliver special Harvest Assemblies.

As with previous years, we have chosen to support the Thurrock Food Bank who provide three days' nutritionally balanced emergency food to support to local people who are referred to them in crisis. The Thurrock Food Bank is part of a nationwide network of foodbanks, supported by The Trussell Trust, working to combat poverty and hunger across the UK. supported by The Trussell Trust, working to combat poverty and hunger across the UK.

There are 10 Foodbank Centres in Thurrock. Our local Foodbank is located at All Saints Church and is open every Thursday from 11am until 1pm and Saturday from 10am until 12pm. So that we donate essential items which will help, could we please ask for donations of the following goods only and ask that you ensure all goods are in date.

- Long Life Milk (UHT or powdered)
- Tinned fish
- Tinned meat (hotdogs, ravioli, corned beef, ham)
- Tinned Vegetables/ Tinned tomatoes
- Tinned spaghetti/ tinned beans
- Tinned fruit
- Tinned custard
- Dried noodles/pot noodles
- Pasta and rice
- Pasta sauces
- Jams and marmalades
- Biscuits/ crackers/ snack bars
- Long life fruit juice/ squash
- Cereals
- Tea/ Coffee
- Toiletries (soap, shower gel, deodorant)

There will be a collection box outside the office for donation items from Wednesday 20th September 2023. Children should bring all donations by Monday 9th October.

Many thanks in advance for your generosity,

Mr R. Latham
 Headteacher