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Dear Parents/Carers

Harvest Festival – Monday 16th October

We will be holding our Harvest Festival at the village church on Monday 16th October at 1-30pm.

The children will be leaving the school at 1.10pm to walk to the church. Would any parents be willing to assist with walking pupils to and back from the church? Please let the office know if you are able to help.

After conversations with some parents, staff and the school council, this year we have decided to donate all harvest contributions in the first instance to any local elderly people who may benefit. As a village school, we want to play a big part in the community and this is one way where we feel we can make a positive difference to those on our doorstep, so I would really appreciate your support with this. We are still trying to identify those people who are most in need of donations and we would like your help with this! Do you have an elderly neighbour or relative who would appreciate this kind gesture? Do you know of local groups who could help us reach those most in need? If so, do not hesitate to let the office know and together we can make a difference to those vulnerable people in our community.

Any harvest contributions left over will be donated to AGAPE, the Spalding Food Bank, with whom the school worked with last year. All contributions will be gratefully received. I know that non-perishable items would be better donated if we do send our Harvest gifts to AGAPE. The list below gives some ideas of what items can be donated as well as fruit and vegetables.

Milk UHT, Sugar (500g,) Squash, Soup, Pasta Sauces, Sponge pudding (tinned), Tomatoes (tinned), Cereals, Rice Pudding (tinned), Tea Bags/Instant Coffee, Instant Mash Potato, Pasta, Tinned Meat/Fish, Tinned Fruit, Jam, Biscuits or Snack Bars, Baked Beans, Tinned Spaghetti, Noodles, Tinned Vegetables, Instant Custard.

Any contributions being donated need to be packaged in a small box no larger than a shoe box size and brought in on the morning of the Harvest Festival. We will take a small proportion of the gifts to the church as part of the ceremony.

This year each class will perform a short piece to the congregation in between the harvest songs. This could be in the form of a poem or a song and I know that they are really looking forward to sharing this with you. It would be great if we could fill the church and make this a harvest service to remember, so feel free to invite as many friends and family as possible! The service will last approximately 45 minutes and all are welcome to attend. We will walk back to school after the service.

Kind regards

R Chipperfield

Rick Chipperfield
Head of School

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