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## Harvest Festival Celebrations and MK Food Bank – September/October 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

It will soon be time for Harvest Festival, and we are hoping to make this year a time for celebration, reflection, and big donations! The children will be exploring harvest festival by taking a learning journey around the world to find out how it is celebrated in different countries. We have always used the Harvest Celebration previously to support MK Food Bank by asking parents and carers to donate food items. This hugely supports the work they do providing food parcels for many families in Milton Keynes. The COVID-19 crisis has caused demand for their emergency food parcels to increase significantly and the need for community donations is higher than ever before. We really hope you can get on board with this and as a school community we are able to help this amazing charity.

Could we please ask that **NO** carrier bags are used, and any items donated are handed in via the main reception doors and placed directly into the large tote bags provided.

This year we are asking if you can focus on their most needed items. The items we'd like you to focus on are as follows:

- Long life milk
- Long life juice
- Pasta sauces
- Tinned tomatoes
- Tinned fruit
- Tea bags
- Cereals
- Spreads
- Dried rice 500g or 1kg (no extra-large bags please)
- Biscuits

Please could you also check dates on items as we are unable to use food that it past its best before or use by date.

Please bring in any food donations from the week beginning 27<sup>th</sup> September. On the 4<sup>th</sup> October the food bank will be coming into school to talk to the children about the service they provide and how they help support our local community. They will be collecting our donations on this day too. I am sure they would be very grateful for any donations of food however small.

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I am very much looking forward to making this Harvest a special time for the children and a wonderful opportunity to learn about a very important and local charity. If you should require any other further information, please do not hesitate to contact me at school on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays.

Many thanks for your time.

Yours faithfully

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