



Blandford St. Mary  
CE Primary School

'Let all that you do be done in love'

'Love, Hope, Respect, Perseverance, Responsibility'

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Dear Parents/Carers,

### HARVEST FESTIVAL

In the next few weeks, as part of our work in RE and PSHCE, we will be learning about Harvest festivals and traditions, and discussing the importance of sharing and how we can help others.

Our school will be celebrating Harvest Festival in the week beginning 7<sup>th</sup> October with our school's Harvest Service taking place on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October. During that week (Mon 7<sup>th</sup> - Fri 11<sup>th</sup>), we will be collecting non-perishable food items to donate to our local Food Bank.

We invite all our children and families to bring in gifts of packaged/tinned foods and these will be arranged as our Harvest display in the hall for our service. The donations will go directly to those in need in our community.

If you are able to support our collection, please could you send in items such as:

Tinned meat  
Soup  
UHT Milk  
Tinned fruit  
Pasta

Tinned puddings/Custard  
Breakfast cereals  
Tea/Coffee  
Rice  
Biscuits

Tinned vegetables (e.g. peas/carrots/potatoes/beans)

Curry sauces

So that we donate essential items which will help, could I please ask you to ensure that all goods have a use by date of at least 3 months in advance? Thank you.

We hope you will agree that this is a very worthwhile cause, supporting people who need help in our local community. The Blandford Food Bank have informed us that the donations are very much appreciated by the families who benefit from them.

As mentioned above, we will be celebrating Harvest in school with a Harvest service of thanksgiving on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October starting at 2:30pm. As our Year 4 children will be leading the service, Year 4 parents and carers are invited to join us.

Best wishes

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