



Monday 23rd September 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

## Re: Harvest Festival 2019

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> October, Hayes Primary School will be celebrating Harvest Festival and joining with St Mary's Church in Hayes to collect donations for the Bromley Borough Foodbank. This is a worthy cause for our local community, providing necessary provisions for people who would benefit from additional support. For example, the Foodbank has given local families in crisis food and drinks which have been generously donated from supportive local schools which we would like to continue. Last year, the Hayes Primary School's donations helped to feed over 4,000 people in the borough of Bromley which is a wonderful achievement we aim to accomplish again this year.

We will be celebrating Harvest Festival on **Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October**. This year we have been nominated to be a 'vegetable' school. Therefore, we have been asked to donate tinned carrots, tinned peas, tinned sweetcorn and tinned potatoes. It is imperative that all donations are tinned rather than fresh to enable them to be preserved and distributed to families over a longer time period.

The Foodbank is vital for our local community and offers emergency supplies to one in five families across the country. Local agencies issue vouchers and refer people to the Foodbank centres to enable them to receive food. It is vital that they are then provided with nutritionally balanced food and drink for at least three days. In addition to this, people are given information about other services which might be of assistance.

This year, we would like donations to be taken to class on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October so teachers can discuss their donations and make meaningful links with why they have donated such gifts.

We thank you in advance for your kind contributions.

Yours sincerely

**Miss Bodycombe and Mr Hemming**