



Friday 18th September 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Harvest Festival 2020

On the 29th September, Hayes Primary School will be celebrating Harvest Festival and again will be 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 which is particularly necessary during this unprecedented time. Local families in crisis are able to receive food and drinks which have been generously donated from supportive local schools and we are so proud to be part of these efforts. This year, many families who would not have used such a service in the past are finding organisations like the foodbank a much needed service and we hope to ensure that our local community is supported during times of need.

We will be celebrating Harvest Festival this year on **Tuesday 29th September** and we have been nominated to be a '**meat school**'. Therefore, we have been asked to donate tins containing items such as, tinned stewing steak, meatball, hotdogs, tinned pies, corned beef, spam or tinned ham. As always, it is imperative that all donations are tinned rather than fresh meat 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.

How we will collect food?

Due to the school having a one-way-system within the school grounds, donations will be collected differently from previous years. **Food will not enter the classrooms or school building.** Instead, a drop-off point will be organised by the **Year 5/6 corridor doors**. This is located by the school carpark and will be clearly signposted throughout the grounds. We will collect the food from there and then it will be transported to the Foodbank. Although donations are not entering the classroom, teachers will still discuss the donations and make meaningful links with why, as a community, we have donated such gifts.

We thank you in advance for your kind contributions and your support.

Yours sincerely

Miss Bodycombe