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Dear Parents/Carers,

Harvest Festival – Friday 29th September

On Friday 29th September, we will be holding our Harvest Festival service.

Each class has been practising a special song to sing to you all and they are very much looking forward to you joining us to celebrate the Harvest period.

The service also offers the children the chance to give something to people less fortunate than themselves. As part of the service we will be collecting and donating food to the Rye Food bank.

It would be fantastic if every child could please bring a small bag or shoe box filled with appropriate items to donate; no perishables, please. Please send the items to school with your child on the week beginning 25th September, please try not to leave it until the morning of the service, as it then makes it difficult to add them to the display before the service.

We understand that times are hard for everyone, so please do not feel any pressure to donate anything or more than you can spare- even one tin of beans or soup would be a real blessing to someone. We are trying to encourage our children to remember that generosity blesses the one who gives as well as receives. We all know it is easier to give out of abundance, but the reward to both the person who receives and the person who gives, feels even better when we know that our giving is a conscious choice that we have really had to think about. However, as I have said above, we appreciate that for some, donating food, is just not possible right now and that is absolutely OK! We would just love for you to join with us and your children to celebrate Harvest.

There are suggested items for the food bank below, if you do feel you can donate:

Cereal, tinned meat products, tinned ready meals, tinned desserts, tinned pies, tinned vegetables, soup, beans, spaghetti, dried pasta and rice, fruit squash, long life milk, sugar, coffee, tea bags, biscuits, crisps, cup/pot noodles, cooking oil and condiments (ketchup, mayonnaise etc).

EYFS (Starfish and Minnows parents) and **KS1** parents- The Harvest Festival is between **9-9.30am**.

The Harvest Festival for our **KS2** parents will be between **9.45-10.30am**

With kind regards,

Miss Martin

Headteacher