

Friday 10th October 2024

Harvest Festival

Dear Parent/Carer,

On Thursday 17th October at 9:30am we plan to hold our annual Harvest Festival at St James' Church, we would like to welcome parents to celebrate this with us.

As with each year we have decided that we would like the children to donate one of the products listed below in support of Devizes Foodbank. These items will then be collected during our Harvest Festival Celebration Worship before being collected by the Devizes Foodbank.

Please see the below information from Devizes Foodbank:

'This Harvest we're asking you to help feed local people in crisis by collecting tinned and dried food for Devizes and District Foodbank. We are asking everyone to rally round to give items such as tinned cold meat, tuna, tinned potatoes, instant mash potato, tinned rice pudding, long life sponge puddings, chocolate bars and biscuits.'

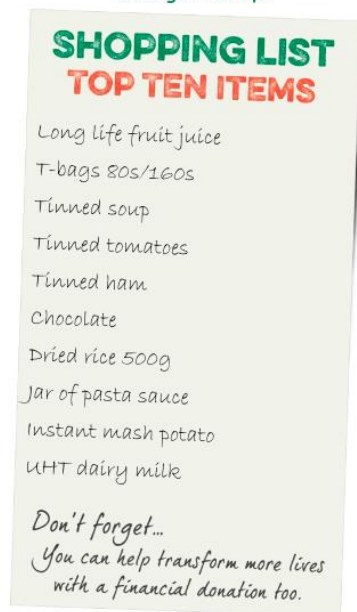
1 in 5 people in the UK live in poverty; many families hit crisis and cannot afford food. More people are being referred to the food bank because they don't have enough money coming in to cover essential living costs. Rising food and fuel prices, static incomes, high unemployment, and changes to benefits are causing many families to struggle to put food on the table but you can help be part of the solution by supporting Devizes and District Foodbank.

The food bank helps local individuals and families in crisis through the provision of emergency food supplies donated by churches, schools, businesses, and the general public. The circumstances surrounding a crisis are unique to every individual, so the food bank partners with frontline care professionals, such as health visitors, social workers, and other community-based support workers, who are able to identify people facing hunger and refer them to the food bank. As well as receiving nutritionally balanced 3-day food parcels, people are welcomed with a cup of tea, listened to and signposted to agencies that are able to help resolve the underlying cause of their crisis.

The demands on the food bank are as strong as ever and this is where we can help. Please join us by giving food so that local people in crisis don't go hungry. Thank you.



Help by donating an item or two from our shopping list to support people facing hardship.



NB: Please make sure all food is unopened, non-perishable, in date, and undamaged. Thank you!'

We cannot wait to celebrate Harvest Festival on Thursday 17th October and we will keep you updated with the celebrations on the day.

Yours sincerely,

G Bailey

Mr Gareth Bailey
Headteacher