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Dear Parents and Carers

This year, in conjunction with Harvest, we will be collecting **donations for the Gravesham food bank** as part of their Harvest festival appeal. This year has been a particularly hard year for all of us, and foodbanks, in particular, have seen a rise in demand for their services and will continue to do so over the coming months.

The Gravesham food bank is part of the Trussell Trust's Foodbank network and last year they distributed an amazing 2.1 million food parcels to people in crisis, of which, over 830,000 were to children. This year we hope to help with their effort by collecting donations in school, which will be delivered to the Gravesham food bank on Monday 17th October. We would be very grateful for any donations. This is not compulsory and any donations can be delivered to your child's classroom in the week of 10th October, which is our Autumnal Celebration Week! (More details to follow).

The foodbank is particularly in need of the following 'long life' items:

Instant packets of cous cous, noodles, rice Cooking oil. Ketchup & Mayonnaise Tinned fish Rice & Pasta Tinned puddings – Rice pudding etc Tinned meat pies Instant coffee, hot chocolate & tea bags Tinned vegetables (carrots/peas/sweetcorn/mushrooms)

Tinned & instant potatoes Tinned fruit and fruit jelly Long life fruit juice Long life milk Chocolate bars (Penguin/KitKat/Clubs) Toiletries (of all kinds) Washing up liquid (small bottles) Laundry tablets **Toilet Rolls**

We were so grateful to all the parents and carers, who notified us through the parent surveys, that they would be available to help with school events throughout the year. Harvest Volunteers will be contacted directly to help with our collection on Friday 14th October and Monday 17th October 2022.

Yours sincerely

Miss Kilmister Class Teacher