

Dear Parents/Carers,

Multicultural Week and Harvest Festival 2021

Next week is Multicultural Week in school, and as part of this celebration of culture each class will be learning about a different country and tasting a food linked to that place. As a school we will also be celebrating Harvest Festival and collecting food donations for two local organisations.

Reception & Nursery

Kingfisher – Spain
 Peacock - Greece
 Owl – Italy
 Woodpecker - Australia
 Nursery – Wales

Year 1

Newt – South Africa
 Duck – Finland
 Frog – Scotland
 Dragonfly - Chile
 Heron - Japan

Year 2

Fox – France
 Squirrel - China
 Badger – Mexico
 Otter – Portugal
 Hedgehog – Poland

Donations of foodstuffs

We hope you will allow your child to bring a contribution from home for our annual Harvest Festival appeal. This year the two local organisations we will collect food donations for are: Southend Foodbank and HARP; the Homeless Action Resource Project based in Westcliff who have an outreach programme across Southend.

If you have any **DRY PACKETED GOODS** or **TIN DONATIONS** these are the kind of food items that these organisations would be grateful to receive. An example of some food items is on the back of this letter.

Please could your child bring their food donations to their classroom **by Wednesday 29th September**. A presentation of the donated food items will be displayed in our school Hall.

Harvest Assemblies

This year the children will have a Harvest assembly during the week in school, there will not be any Year Group assemblies for parents, but we are sure that you will enjoy hearing all the exciting new information about your child's chosen country for their class and how they have celebrated this special season.

We would like to thank you in advance for your support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Debbie Morris
 Deputy Headteacher



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ITEMS THAT THE FOODBANK WOULD REALLY BE ABLE TO MAKE USE OF:

- Tinned or long life puddings
- Meat pies / meat meals
- Tinned fruit
- Long life fruit juice
- Biscuits

ITEMS WHICH THE HARP CHARITY WOULD REALLY BE ABLE TO MAKE GOOD USE OF:

- Coffee
- Long Life Milk (UHT)
- Coffeemate/Powdered Milk
- Sugar
- Baked Beans
- Biscuits
- Tinned Meals (Curries, Stews etc)
- Fray Bentos Meat Pies/Puddings
- Tinned Vegetables
- Snack Chocolate Bars & Biscuits
- Small Packets of Crisps
- Cartons and Cans of Soft Drink
- Pasta Sauces
- Jars of Sandwich Fillings/Paste
- Tinned Meats (Corned Beef, Ham, Spam)
- Curry/ Chilli/Sweet & Sour
- Rice & Cooking Sauces
- Big Chunky Soups
- Cup-a-Soup
- Tinned Hot Dogs
- Vegetable Oil
- Tinned Fish
- Jam/Marmalade/Marmite/Peanut Butter
- Breakfast Cereals
- Tinned Fruit
- Tins or Cartons of Ready Custard
- Fruit Squash
- Large Bottle of Fizzy Drinks
- 1 Litre Cartons of Fruit Juice
- Microwave Rice
- Batter Mix
- Ground Pepper and Salt
- Mayo/Ketchup/Brown Sauce
- Instant Gravy
- Sultanas/Mixed Fruit
- Plain Flour
- Crumble Mix
- Microwave Sponge Pudding
- Tinned Rice Pudding
- Fruit Jelly
- Long Life Cream
- Evaporated Milk

Please do not donate foodstuffs that contain alcohol, any fresh foods or food with a short shelf life, thank you.