



The Christus Catholic Trust

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Dear Parents/Carers,

At this time of year, people all over the country are celebrating Harvest and we are able to use this as an opportunity to help those less fortunate than ourselves.

Recently, Bernadette Terry came into school to talk to the children about the local Foodbank and how we as a community can support each other. This week the children will participate in an "in class assembly" which explores how we will celebrate Harvest here at St Mary's supporting our local community and living out the message of "Love one another".

Harvest Collection

This year, **from Monday 18th October**, we will be collecting produce to donate to Thurrock Foodbank. The Foodbank is a practical, community-based project, organised by The Trussell Trust, which provides food parcels to those in our immediate area who find themselves temporarily in difficult circumstances. The organisation is dependent upon donations of food and it is staffed by volunteers, so all contributions will be most greatly received.

Unfortunately, the foodbank is unable to accept perishable items, however below is a list of items which the Thurrock Foodbank currently require:

Tinned Fruit	Cooking Sauces
Sponge Puddings	Jellies
Tinned meat in gravy/sauce	Toiletries e.g. shampoo, soap, shower gel, deodorant etc.
Powdered potatoes e.g. instant mash	Tinned spaghetti
Tea bags	Tinned fish

The food will be collected on **Thursday 21st October**. Please note we are unable to accept anymore donations after this date.

Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

Mrs V L McBrown
Interim Headteacher

