

WEEKLY ROUND-UP

Autumn Term 2021

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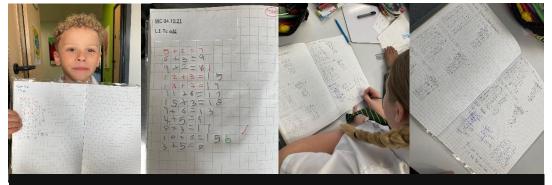
A note from the Headteacher

One of the challenges so far this half-term has been managing the everchanging landscape of COVID. You will have seen from my updated warn and inform letter this week, we have had a rise in the number of cases within school, and whilst this is still relatively small number in comparison with other local schools who have a great deal of cases, we rightly need to be cautious over the coming weeks. Cases have once again risen in Aylesbury as they have nationally, and we want to do what we can to help limit the spread whilst also trying to limit the need to move to any partial closures or remote education. It is our absolute last resort to have to make closures or move to remote education, and our advice from the Department for Education (DfE) is to consider other ways of limiting the spread initially for a few weeks before more stringent measures may be required. As such, I have asked all staff to wear face coverings in and around the school in communal areas and asked them to avoid unnecessary mixing of staff and pupils. In this way, I have made assemblies once again go back to being online, and staff are generally meeting remotely wherever they can with each other. We have also continued to reiterate the importance of regular handwashing for staff and pupils. Our hope is that by acting now, this will help support lower numbers of cases within the coming weeks. However, what we do not want is to disrupt our children's learning, and so the DfE are clear that we do not put measures in place which would compromise this (such as staff not being able to work across multiple classes as often many do). Later in the newsletter I have some further updates and slight changes to our Harvest Festival and Pupil Learning Review arrangements – so please take a look and support us in allowing these events to take place as safely as we can.

Have a wonderful weekend, see you all on Monday.

A. A. Wanford

Mr. Aaron Wanford Headteacher



(ABOVE) Mr. Wanford has had the pleasure of being shown some FANTASTIC Maths work this week! From addition to long division. We are so incredibly proud of how well the children have settled back in and are progressing already this term!

"I was delighted to be able to attend the library session with my child earlier on this week.

It was great to be able to visit the school once again!"

Positive feedback regarding the Year Five library session on Tuesday

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Celebrations and Achievements

Achievement & Progress Certificates

Each week we celebrate a variety of achievements from across the week. Our certificate of achievement is awarded to children who have demonstrated that they have applied their learning and put in great effort. We also have a certificate of progress, which is awarded to children who have shown a marked difference in their learning over the last week or so and have made great progress in their learning and development. Well done to following people for being awarded with achievement and progress certificates this week!

	Certificate of	For
	Achievement	101
Birch (YR)	Liah	fantastic work in Phonics and showing beautiful letter formation.
Willow (YR)	Louis	his amazing phonics learning and always being such a good role model in Willow Class.
Beech (Y1)	Sienna	writing a fantastic caption and thinking of her own adjectives.
Elm (Y1)	Archie	being an excellent scientist this week using his predicting/observing skills.
Oak (Y2)	Jonathon	working on making good choices and following instructions first time.
Plane (Y2)	Robin	always demonstrating such a positive attitude to his learning.
Alder (Y3)	Harrison	his amazing maths work with fantastic explanations, and for always being enthusiastic about learning.
Cedar (Y3)	Kiera	always showing a positive attitude to learning and being a great role model to those around her.
Ash (Y4)	Alex	taking accountability of his learning and going the extra mile with homework.

Rowan (Y4)	Elijah	always making the right choice and outstanding attitude to learning.
Maple (Y5)	Harry	showing amazing respect this week to our school library by tidying and sorting it.
Hawthorn (Y6)	Aidan	his incredible recall and knowledge about World War 1.

	Certificate of	For
	Progress	
Birch (YR)	Ranen	getting more involved during carpet time and challenging himself during choosing time.
Willow (YR)	Adam	his great determination when writing his name and forming letters in phonics.
Beech (Y1)	Муа	focusing so well in Phonics and learning her Phase 5 sounds.
Elm (Y1)	Alice	improving her confidence when performing her harvest assembly lines!
Oak (Y2)	Tuyo	improving in his writing and including all the features of a traditional tale in his hot task.
Plane (Y2)	Dylan	working so hard to develop his confidence when learning the strategy of bridging 10 in Maths this week.
Alder (Y3)	Tanaya	always showing great resilience within her maths work and striving to improve all the time.
Cedar (Y3)	Stephanie	challenging herself more within maths this week.
Ash (Y4)	Jacob	showing a great improvement in his writing and attempting the use of ambitious vocabulary.

Rowan (Y4)	Tyla	overcoming obstacles during swimming and being resilient.
Maple (Y5)	Rylee	his resilience shown in Maths this week when adding and subtracting.
Hawthorn (Y6)	Jake	his perseverance with the long division method.

w/c 11/10/21	KS1	KS2
Monday	Hidden	Innocent
Tuesday	Perch	Repercussion
Wednesday	Whole	Adorn
Thursday	Faint	Mature
Friday	Option	Drama

PAP Stars

'PAP' stands for <u>Presentation</u>, <u>Accuracy</u> and <u>Productivity</u>. Well done to the following PAP stars this week at Green Ridge!

Beech (Y1)	Alfie M	Elm (Y1)	Selena
Oak (Y2)	Freddie	Plane (Y2)	Bilan
Alder (Y3)	Grayson	Cedar (Y3)	Inaya
Ash (Y4)	Malachi	Rowan (Y4)	Kian
Maple (Y5)	Anisa	Hawthorn (Y6)	Samprithi

Weekly Attendance

Well done to Plane class for the best attendance this week!

Birch (YR)	93.5%	Willow (YR)	98.6%
Beech (Y1)	96.2%	Elm (Y1)	95.3%
Oak (Y2)	97.8%	Plane (Y2)	98.7%
Alder (Y3)	94.7%	Cedar (Y3)	92.4%
Ash (Y4)	97.7%	Rowan (Y4)	87.9%
Maple (Y5)	95.0%	Hawthorn (Y6)	97.7%

House Points

Well done to Pratchett house for gaining the most points this week!

House	Points this week	Total
Austin	390	867
Disraeli	309	733
Pratchett	418	759
Redgrave	320	707

Word of the Day

The words we used this week are below; please do ask your child about them (they should be able to tell you what they mean and use them in a sentence). You will also find next week's words as well, so if you can, get ahead and talk to your child about them!

w/c 04/10/21	KS1	KS2
Monday	Dozen	Appetite
Tuesday	Duo	Unfamiliar
Wednesday	Fortnight	Divert
Thursday	Talent	Mimic
Friday	Suitcase	Convenient

What have we been learning this week?

Little Ridges Nursery



We have had another wonderful week of learning and fun in Little Berries this week! Our focus has been Maths and the Little Berries have been exploring using different shapes to print, finding numbers in jelly and oats and building houses out of different shaped bricks. Our song of the week has been '1,

2, 3, 4, 5' which the children have learnt really well, and our word of the week has been suitcase which has prompted us to talk about what we might pack in a

suitcase. The Berries have really enjoyed the story Pete the Cat with his four groovy buttons, and we used props to assist counting in sequence. Thank you for the uploads of pictures onto Tapestry. The children have enjoyed sharing them, so please do keep them coming! Have a wonderful weekend!





This week, we have been impressed with the children's engagement during learning about Autumn. During play, the children have weighing different been autumnal obiects and vegetables - it has been fantastic to hear the children using key vocabulary such as, 'heavy' and 'light'. The children have also created their own

Autumn trees using brown, yellow, orange and red paint for the leaves. During phonics, we have been

focusing on 'Body Percussion' and the children have done a great job of using their body parts to create noise and music! The children particularly enjoyed the Action Songs we took part in.



Reception

This week the children have been learning about Sir Mo Farah as our black role model for black history month. Then we started our lead learner groups and talked about what we are good at and what we would like to improve. We have also started a new Talk 4 Writing story "We're Going on a Bear Hunt!" and have

been learning the actions. We have been continuing with our Phonics, learning new sounds and the children have been doing so well. Well done Reception, have a lovely weekend!

Year One



This week Year One put on their safety goggles and became scientists again! They used water, oil, food colouring and alka seltzer to make a lava lamp! They have been making brilliant predictions and have thoroughly enjoyed all of their experiments so far.

We have also been practising our Harvest songs and can't wait to welcome all of the parents to our performance next week. Every Year One child has a line in the show and these have been stuck into their reading records. Please make sure that you support your child at home to learn their line and practise saying it clearly. As a friendly reminder, Year One's PE days are Tuesday and Friday. We will not send PE kits home until half term and they shouldn't need washing before then. Please also ensure that everything is labelled with your child's name. That includes trousers, shirts, ties and shoes. If something is unnamed and unclaimed it will be taken to lost property. Thank you for your support.



Year Two

This week in Year 2 the children have been working so hard to demonstrate the value of resilience. In Maths, the children have been introduced to the calculation strategy of bridging 10, using a number line. We worked together to create actions for each step to success and had lots of practice with bead strings and number lines at our tables. In Science, the children have been enjoying learning all about materials and their properties. Following on from our materials hunt around the school last week, we started to look at the suitability of various everyday materials, for example; why is glass a suitable material for a window, etc? Also,

the children have loved their opportunity of exploring the importance of Black History Month and learning about our significant individual in Year 2; Oprah Winfrey. The children used information texts to find out more about her before creating their own fact files.

Year Three

The Year 3 team cannot believe how quickly time has flown by this term and we were thrilled to be able to go on the first trip of the year this week. We visited Chiltern Open Air Museum and were lucky enough to be able to take part in both a Stone Age and an Iron Age workshop. Miss Riley and Mr Brinn would like to thank everybody who attended the trip for representing Green Ridge with pride. As well as this, we have put in a huge amount of effort writing our English hot tasks, coming up with some fantastic ideas for quest tales, with ideas ranging from Princesses meeting Dragons to Queen's servants travelling by submarine to the depths of the ocean. In addition, we began the festivities by designing our very own Christmas cards ready for them to go on sale soon - is it too early for Xmas songs? Finally, we would like to thank all the children who are continuing to submit their home learning and completing this to a high standard – we are grateful for your effort and it does not go unnoticed! Keep up the good work!

Year Four



This week Year 4 have been very busy earning lots of learning dots and learning about lots of different things. In Maths, we have been exploring Roman Numerals and Negative numbers. In Science we have been

learning about food chains and we played a fantastic game of predator, consumer, producer tag. As part of Black History Month, we researched Marcus Rashford and found out about all the charity work that he has done and how he helped give meals to children in school. Finally, we want to say a huge thank you to all the parent and carers that joined us for our library session this week. It was great to see the children reading different stories with you all! This week Year 4 have been very busy earning lots of learning dots and learning about lots of different things. In Maths, we have been exploring Roman Numerals and Negative numbers. In Science we have been learning about food chains and we played a fantastic game of predator, consumer, producer tag. As part of Black History Month, we researched Marcus Rashford and found out about all the charity work that he has done and how he helped give meals to children in school. Finally, we want to say a huge thank you to all the parent and carers that joined us for our library session this week. It was great to see the children reading different stories with you all!

Year Five

This week in Science, Year 5 continued to explore our solar system, by investigating the Earth's rotations and how we get night and day. We did this through the use of torches (the Sun), and the children recreated the Earth's rotations whilst orbiting. After this, we planned an investigation to track the suns location at different points of the day.



Year Six

This week, Year 6 have been planning and writing together a character description for a new character who has found themselves at Camp Green Lake. In Maths, we have been looking at the steps needed to do long division, from using partitioning to assist with finding the multiples of an unfamiliar 2-digit number to following the steps through. We carried out an experiment looking at lung capacity as well as exploring some of the different ways that we, or those around us, might exhibit signs of poor mental health and how we can support ourselves or them. In History, we looked at the Western Front and where many battles from World War 1 took place.

News items from this week

One-Way System by Main Pupil Entrance

Based on some of the parent/carer feedback from the recent Parent Forum meeting and through informal feedback to Mr. Wanford at the start and end of the day, we have decided to trial the re-introduction of the one-way-up and one-way-down system by the main pupil entrance gate (by the side of Reception play area and by the Year One entrance). We recognise that this is a pinch point, particularly with a number of parents/carers wishing to access the rear of the school, and hopefully by sticking to the right on the way up and sticking to the right on the way back down, this will help ensure that parents/carers are not going 'against' the crowd in either direction.

We will be putting barriers back up before Monday to help visually support this, and we ask that you support us by ensuring that you walk on the right in both directions if you are entering via the main gate.

School Lunches – New Menu for Autumn-Spring 2021-22

You can now find the new menu for Autumn 2/Spring 1 2020-22 on our website here. Unfortunately, HCL are unable to provide hard copies so please do save/print the menu so you have it to refer to.

Data Collection Sheets and Consent Packs

Data Collection Sheets were sent home with our Early Years children last week. Can we kindly ask that you take the time to check them to ensure that the information that we have on file is correct. Please amend where necessary, sign and return by Friday, 15th October.

Data Collection Sheets and Consent Packs will be sent home with our KS1 and KS2 children soon.

Parent Forum 2021-22 – Vacant Spaces & Minutes We still have some vacant spaces shown within the table below. If you would like to put your name forward, please email Mrs. Curtis-Cross in the school office.

Class	Representative
Berries	Vacant
Acorns	Vacant
Birch	Vacant
Willow	Sadie Mooney
Beech	Vacant
Elm	Laura Nunn
Oak	Vacant
Plane	Ethan O'Driscoll
Alder	Pooja Chotai
Cedar	Vacant
Ash	Vacant
Rowan	Emily Routledge

Maple	Vacant
Hawthorn	Vacant

Just a reminder that the next Parent Forum meeting will be taking place on Tuesday, 9th November at 2.15pm in school.

If you have any feedback of a generic nature for the school, please do talk to the class reps or complete the short questionnaire online available here. Please remember that if you complete the questionnaire that it should not be for individual/child feedback or to raise concerns, you should follow the normal procedures starting with your child's class teacher.

Being Alert When Walking Home

We have had a report of a male who appeared to deliberately knock over and hurt one of the children this week whilst they were walking home, even though they were accompanied by an adult. The person quickly got into a black car, before the parent/carer could intervene. We are asking all parents and carers to remain vigilant and report any incidents to the school and police.

Rights Respecting School Award – Article of the Week

we are committed to becoming a Rights Respecting School, we will be focusing on the RRSA Article/s of the Week each week. This week we have articles 1 and 4. For more information please follow this link.



Rights Respecting School, Articles of the Week:

Article 1 – Definition of a child: All children under 18 have all the rights in the Convention

Article 4 – Making rights real: Governments must do all they can to make sure every child can enjoy their rights by creating systems and passing laws that promote and protect children's rights.



What's coming up?

World Mental Health Day – Sunday, 10th October



World The Health Organisation recognises World Mental Health Day on 10th October every year. A whole school assembly linked to World Mental Health Day will be taking place on Monday. World Mental Health Day may be the first time you decide to talk openly about mental health with friend or member. It can be tricky to know how to have that chat, or to find the

'right' words once you do. Mental Health UK have created a conversation guide to support with this which can be found here. Action for Happiness have shared their 'Optimistic October' calendar here to support you to meet some achievable goals.

School Photographs – Tuesday, 12th October

A letter was sent to parents/carers yesterday regarding the individual and sibling school photos which will be taking place next **Tuesday**, 12th October. Can we please remind you to ensure that your child is in the correct school uniform and that they are well presented ahead of having their photo taken. Thank you!

Reception Phonics and Reading Workshop – Tuesday, 12th October

We will be running a workshop on Tuesday, 12th October at 6.30pm where all parents/carers of Reception children are warmly invited. During the workshop, we will explain in more detail about how the school teaches our children to read through our phonics system, and the expectations of reading at home with your child and the books they will have access to. Please do come along if you can make it as it will help you to fully support your child's phonics learning at home.

Harvest Festival Assembly – Thursday, 14th October Thank you for the donations which are already coming in for our Harvest Festival next week. We still need lots more, so please do dig deep into the backs of your cupboards and shelves to see what else you may be able to kindly donate! Please send any donations in with your child by Wednesday, 13th October.

The intention was that our Year One pupils would lead the Harvest Festival, supported by Reception and Year Two. However, given the measures we are putting back into place over the next few weeks to help reduce case numbers and stop the spread of any virus

unnecessarily, Reception and Year Two will **not** be joining in the assembly live, and instead will do this in their classrooms. This will mean that Year One pupils still get the opportunity to perform for parents/carers in a safe way, and their hard work can still be seen. Reception and Year Two will have their performance opportunities at Christmas.

We are asking that any Year One parents/carers who comes along to watch the Harvest Festival Assembly to wear a face covering (unless medically exempt). We are unable to socially distance parents/carers in the hall with the space, and so it is your responsibility to ensure you protect yourselves and others around you.

Of course, if you are displaying any symptoms of coronavirus or have tested positive, please do **not** attend the assembly under any circumstances. Thank you for your support and understanding with this.

The PTA will also be at the assembly to sell refreshments after and will also have their current stock of second-hand uniform available to purchase. As well as second-hand uniform, they will also be selling the tote bags featuring the self-portraits drawn by your children at the end of Reception last academic year. These are also available to purchase via the PTA Events page by following this <u>link</u>.

Pupil Learning Reviews – Tuesday, 19th October & Wednesday, 20th October

A letter was sent to parents/carers on Tuesday regarding Pupil Learning Reviews. They will be taking place on Tuesday, 19th October and Wednesday, 20th October (from Monday, 18th October to Wednesday, 20th October for Nursery pupils).

We are keen for these to still take place in person, so that you can have a face-to-face conversation with your child's class teacher, but we need to do this as safely as possible. As a result, we will be asking parents/carers to wear a face covering during their appointment and staff will also be doing the same.

We recognise the risk that this can present to yourselves and our staff mixing with a large number of people, and so hope that wearing a face covering, and remaining socially distanced wherever possible goes some way to mitigate the risks involved. Thank you for your understanding with this.

Bookings went live on Arbor at 4.00pm on Tuesday and will remain open until 4.00pm next Wednesday, 13th October. Please do take the time to make an appointment as they are the ideal time to share ideas about how you can support your child at home and to discuss how your child has progressed since the start of term.

Nursery			
Date available	Time slots available between	Year- groups/classes	
Monday, 18 th October	3.30-5.00pm	Nursery Little Berries, Miss. Gaiger	
Tuesday, 19 th October	3.30-5.00pm	Nursery Little Berries, Mrs. Goodin	
Wednesday, 20 th October	3.30-5.00pm	Nursery Little Berries, Miss. Shafiq	
Monday, 18 th October	3.30-5.30pm	Nursery Little Acorns, Mrs. Clark	
Tuesday, 19 th October	4:00-7.30pm	Nursery Little Acorns, Mrs. Thomas	
Wednesday, 20 th October	3.30-5.30pm	Nursery Little Acorns, Mrs. Davis	

Main School		
Date available	Time slots available between	Year- groups/classes
Tuesday, 19 th October	4:00-7.30pm	Reception – Year Six
Wednesday, 20 th October	4.00-6.30pm	Reception – Year Six

Please note that we have cancelled the enrichments clubs that were due to take place on Tuesday, 19th October and Wednesday, 20th October. Please expect to receive a refund direct from Clubbly.

Travelling Book Fair

The Travelling Book Fair will be visiting on the week commencing Monday, 18th October. There are over 200 books for you and your child to choose from, and with prices starting from only £2.99, there's sure to be a book for everyone! Opening times are as follows.

Monday, 18th October - 3.15-4.00pm in the library Tuesday, 19th October - 4.00-7.30pm in the main school hall (to coincide with Pupil Learning Reviews) Wednesday, 20th October - 4.00-6.30pm in the main school hall (to coincide with Pupil Learning Reviews) Thursday, 21st October - 3.15-4.00pm in the library

Reception 2022 Prospective Parent/Carer Open Events

We are holding a number of open events for prospective parents/carers to come and visit the school and meet Mr. Wanford and our team of staff. The events are as follows:

- Thursday, 21st October 1.45pm Please note that we have now reached capacity and are unable to book anymore prospective parents/carers on to this session
- Tuesday, 2nd November 7.00pm
- Wednesday, 10th November 9.15am
- Wednesday, 17th November 1.45pm

The open events will give you an opportunity to have a tour of the school and Mr. Wanford will give a short presentation about the academy, its vision and ethos, and helpful information to those parents and carers who intend to apply.

Further information and our admissions policy can be found on our website <u>here</u> and we kindly ask that you complete this <u>form</u> to book a place at one of the open events.

Take a Look and Read a Book – Library Sessions Yesterday you should have received a letter regarding library sessions which will be taking place in which parents/carers are welcome to attPTend and enjoy a library session with their child. Parents/carers will be required to support their child with their library skills by perhaps helping them select books and putting them back correctly, scanning books in and out using our library system or by reading both fiction and nonfiction books. We look forward to hopefully seeing you on the following dates.

Y4 Ash – Friday, 15th October 9.30-10.00am Y3 Alder – Wednesday, 20th October 9.30-10.00am Y3 Cedar – Monday, 8th November 9.30-10.00am Y2 Oak – Wednesday, 12th January 1.30-2.00pm Y2 Plane – Wednesday, 19th January 1.30-2.00pm Y1 Elm – Monday, 17th January 1.30-2.00pm Y1 Beech – Monday, 24th January 1.30-2.00pm YR Willow – Friday, 28th January 1.15-1.45pm YR Birch – Friday, 11th February 1.15-1.45pm YN Little Acorns – Tuesday, 1sth March 10.30-11.00am YN Little Berries – Thursday, 10th March 10.30-11.00am YN Little Berries – Thursday, 24th March 2.30-3.00pm

PTA News

PTA Cinema Events – Friday, 15th October

Letters were sent out last Tuesday regarding the PTA Cinema Event that is being held on Friday, 15th October. Tickets are at a cost of £5.00 each and include a drink, popcorn and sweets. Tickets can be purchased via the PTA-Events <u>page</u> by 11.00pm on Wednesday, 13th October. If you experience any difficulties purchasing tickets, please contact the PTA directly.

Please note that the Year Three and Four football enrichment club will still be going ahead.

PTA Fireworks Night – Saturday, 6th November

Further to the letter in which you will have received on Tuesday, tickets are now on sale for the PTA Fireworks Night which is being held on Saturday, 6th November. Tickets can be purchased via the PTA Events page by following this <u>link</u>. Tickets went on sale at 4.00pm on Wednesday and will be on sale until next Wednesday (13th) for Green Ridge



parents/carers. Any remaining tickets will then become available to local residents to purchase.

To ensure that the event is a great success, we require volunteers to help out in a variety of ways. From helping to sell refreshments to scanning tickets or as fire marshals. If you are able to help, you will be needed from 5.00-7.00pm and all volunteers will receive free entry and a free burger or hot dog as a thank you.

We are also in need of a BBQ, gazebo and tables, so it would be greatly appreciated if you have any items that you would be happy to lend us for the evening. Please do get in contact!

If you experience any difficulties purchasing tickets, please contact us directly via email to pta@greenridgeacademy.co.uk.

We look forward to seeing you there!

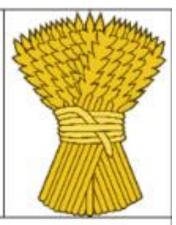
What's happening next week at Green Ridge?

MENU WEEK 1		
11 th	3.15pm: Y1-Y2 Football Enrichment Club	
12 th	Individual and Sibling School Photos	
	11.00am: Year Four Rowan Swimming	
	Lesson	
	3.15pm: KS2 Sewing Enrichment Club	
	6.30pm: Reception Phonics and Reading	
	Workshop	
	6.30pm: Year Six Leavers Arrangements	
	Parent/Carer Meeting	
13 th	9.00am: Early Years Lets Learn Together	
	Session	
	11.00am: Year Four Ash Swimming Lesson	
	2.00pm: PTA Committee Meeting	
	3.15pm: Y5-Y6 Football Enrichment Club	
	3.15pm: KS1 Choir Enrichment Club	
	3.15pm: KS2 Chess Enrichment Club	

14 th	9.15am: Harvest Festival Assembly	
	3.15pm: KS1 Board Games Enrichment Club	
	3.15pm: Y3-Y6 Gymnastics Enrichment Club	
15 th	Year Four Ancient Maya Workshop	
	9.30am: Y4 Ash Library Session	
	3.15pm: Y3-Y4 Football Enrichment Club	
	3.15pm: PTA Cinema Event	

Letters sent home this week COVID Warn and Inform 04 10 21 Pupil Learning Reviews – October 2021 05 10 21 Travelling Book Fair 05 10 21 PTA Fireworks Night 05 10 21 New School Lunch Ordering System 07 10 21 School Photographs 07 10 21





This Harvest we are particularly in need of:

Food

Tinned Vegetables

Tinned Meat

Long Life Fruit Juice

Tinned Fish

Tinned Beans

Tinned Soup

Tinned Fruit

Chocolate

Long Life Milk

Extras

Toothbrushes

Toothpaste

To Pack Into

Bags for Life

Thank You