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Tuesday, 26th September 2023

Harvest Festival
Thursday, 12th October 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted to inform you that Green Ridge will once again be holding its Harvest Festival, which will take place on **Thursday, 12th October**.

Whilst our Year One pupils will be leading the assembly and presenting, pupils in Reception and Year Two will also join in with songs during the special assembly. Due to the number of children in Reception and Year One and hall capacity, we will only be inviting Year One parents/carers to join us from **9.15-10.00am** in the school hall. If your child is in an alternative year group, please rest assured that they will have the opportunity to lead/support another event later in the academic year which you will be invited to attend. Pupils in Key Stage Two will have their own Harvest Festival assembly later that morning, although again due to the number of pupils, parents/carers will sadly not be able to attend.



To manage space in the hall, we do ask that no more than **two** parents/carers or family members come along from Year One. Younger siblings are welcome, although we do ask that buggies are left outside the hall to maximise space in the hall, and that if there are very young siblings who may disrupt or disturb the performance for the pupils, alternative arrangements are made. If necessary, parents/carers with younger pupils should sit so that they can take their child out during the performance, should they become unsettled. Revd. Gareth Lane, Vicar on Berryfields, will also join us for the Harvest Festival, and will lead a short prayer at the end for those who wish to participate. We're pleased to also confirm that the PTA will be in the hall selling refreshments after drop off up until the start of the assembly at 9.15am if you'd like to grab yourself a drink and secure a seat. Please enter via the external hall doors.

At Harvest time we think about those who may be less fortunate and in need of food or shelter. This year, Green Ridge are partnering again with Aylesbury Foodbank. Like the Foodbank, we don't think anyone in our community should have to face going hungry. That's why Aylesbury Foodbank provide nutritionally balanced emergency food and support to local people who are referred to them in crisis. They are part of a nationwide network of foodbanks, supported by The Trussell Trust, working to combat poverty and hunger across the UK. Harvest is a time when we can show our children how we support and help one another in times of need.



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Below you will see a range of items which the Aylesbury Foodbank would be very grateful to receive as Harvest donations from Green Ridge. These can then be distributed to those in our community who need it most. We ask that children from any year group bring donations in from **Monday, 2nd October** and place them in the trolley that will be located outside the school office each day. Please make sure all food packets are still within date or, better still, have a long-remaining 'use by' date. So that we can make a harvest display in readiness for our assembly, we kindly ask that any donations are in by **Monday, 9th October**.

Thank you in advance for any donations which you may make this year for this worthwhile cause.

Yours faithfully,



Mr. Nathan Ladyman
KS1 Assistant Headteacher



NEEDED FOOD ITEMS:

- CHOCOLATE
- TEA/COFFEE
- TINNED FISH
- LONG LIFE SPONGE PUDDINGS
- TINNED VEGETABLES
- INSTANT MASH
- LONG LIFE FRUIT JUICE
- BISCUITS
- TINNED TOMATOES/PASTA SAUCE
- TINNED MEAT
- TABLE SAUCES
- TINNED FRUIT
- RICE/DRIED PASTA
- JAM