



The Manor
Preparatory School

To All Parents

Friday 4 October 2019

Dear Parents

Harvest Collection for Abingdon Emergency Foodbank (AEF)

On Friday 11 October we will be having our Harvest Service in school. This will have been preceded by me going into the varying section assemblies to talk to the children about the good and necessary work that the Foodbank provides in our local area. This will enable the children to have a better understanding of where their Harvest Offering is going and why there is such a need for it locally.

The Abingdon Emergency Foodbank was launched in April 2009 by Christ Church, Abingdon in co-operation with other churches across the Abingdon local community. It was set up to meet the needs of people who are going through a period of crisis and are struggling to feed themselves and their families and is run entirely by volunteers. This crisis may come in many forms, for example, redundancy, ill-health, family break-up or just unexpected large bills. They had a really busy year last year and their stocks are low. Last year we sent over a remarkable 802 items which all added to the food packages that were given to families. Each food package is enough to feed the household for 3 days.

We would be most grateful if each child could bring their contribution (see table below) into school during the week of the Harvest Festival (7 to 11 October). Please ensure that **all goods have a shelf life of at least six months.**

Pre-Nursery, Nursery and Reception – Pudding (e.g. custard, rice pudding)

Year 1 – Tinned veg e.g. carrots, peas, sweetcorn, potatoes

Year 2 – Fruit squash or longlife fruit juice

Year 3 – Sugar (500g bags), longlife milk or small jars of instant coffee or hot chocolate

Year 4 – Breakfast cereals

Year 5 – Tinned fruit (e.g. peaches and pears)

Year 6 – Tinned fish or meat (e.g. ham, stew, curry) or pasta sauce

Staff – Shampoo, shower gel or toothpaste

Thank you very much in advance for your generosity and support for this very worthy cause.

With best wishes

Catherine Duff
Charities Co-ordinator