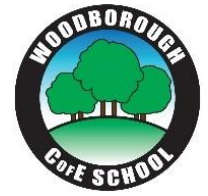




# HARVEST THANKSGIVING



& Welcome Service

**Friday 30th September 2022**

9.30am in the School Hall

Dear Parents,

Please join us this year for our Harvest Thanksgiving and Welcome Service next Friday, 30th September at 9.30am, where our focus this year is looking at all the produce grown, harvested or created from the land. Over recent years we have successfully combined our harvest festival with a welcome service, where each new child receives a special blessing from the vicar.

As in previous years, we will also be having a food collection for Devizes Foodbank, which will then be taken over to Devizes by some of the Worship Council.

**Who are the Devizes Foodbank and why are we collecting for them?**



1 in 5 people in the UK live in poverty; many families hit crisis and cannot afford food. More people are being referred to the food bank because they don't have enough money coming in to cover essential living costs. Rising food and fuel prices, static incomes, high unemployment and changes to benefits are causing many families to struggle to put food on the table.

The food bank helps local individuals and families in crisis through the provision of emergency food supplies donated by churches, schools, businesses and the general public. The circumstances surrounding a crisis are unique to every individual, so the food bank partners with frontline care professionals, such as health visitors, social workers and other community-based support workers, who are able to identify people facing hunger and refer them to the food bank. As well as receiving nutritionally-balanced 3 day food parcels, people are welcomed with a cup of tea, listened to and signposted to agencies that are able to help resolve the underlying cause of their crisis. Last year Devizes and District Foodbank distributed over 28 tonnes of food to 1925 local people in crisis, of which 762 were children. The demands on the food bank are as

strong as ever and this is where we can help. Please join us by giving food so that local people in crisis don't go hungry.

Below you can see a "shopping list" of the items that the Devizes Foodbank have told us they are most in need of. Next week, a collection box will be placed by the mosaic in the circulation area for your donations. It would be wonderful if these donations could be brought in for Friday, however we will continue to collect until the following Monday. Please ensure that any food donations are non-perishable and have a minimum of 4 months until the 'best before date' and that where possible any tins have a ring-pull to open.

Many Thanks for your continued support.

*Mrs Needham*

RE & Collective Worship Coordinator

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- Tinned cold meat
  - Tinned tuna
  - Tinned potatoes
  - Instant mash potato
  - Tinned rice pudding
  - Long life sponge puddings
  - Chocolate bars
  - Snacks e.g. instant noodles or pasta
  - Biscuits
  - Ladies' shower gel
  - Ladies' and men's deodorant
  - Shampoo
  - Conditioner
  - Sanitary pads

*Thank you!*

