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Dear Parents/Carers,



We would like to invite you to join us for our Harvest worship on **Wednesday 6th October at 9.00am**. The service will take place in **St Andrews Church, Newton Tony**, conducted by Rev. Peter Ostli-East. If your child is in Foxes or Hedgehogs class and you usually drop them off at school for 9.00am, we ask that you drop them off directly to the church on Wednesday morning, rather than at school. There will be a member of staff to supervise them at the church when you arrive at 9.00am, if you cannot stay to the service. Your child will sit with their class rather than with their family on this occasion. All the other children will be walked to church with the school staff at 8.45am. After the service, which is usually about 30 minutes, all the children will walk back to school with staff. We will wait for all parents to leave the church before we walk back to school. Please park on the village field rather than park outside the church, as we want to keep our children as safe as possible.

We will be supporting the Salisbury Foodbank this year <https://salisbury.foodbank.org.uk/>. We would like to ask each child to bring to school an item/s from the Salisbury Foodbank list (please see attached poster). Please bring the item to school on the Wednesday morning. **No fresh food this year please.**

Message from Salisbury Foodbank:

This Harvest we're asking you to help feed local people in crisis by collecting tinned and dried food for Salisbury Foodbank. We are asking everyone to rally round to give items such as instant coffee, instant mash, biscuits, long life milk, sponge pudding, fruit juice, tinned fruit, rice 500g, Jam and Chocolate bars. 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 but you can help be part of the solution by supporting Salisbury Foodbank. 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 communitybased 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 the Salisbury Foodbank distributed over 71 tonnes of food to 4,431 local people in crisis, of which 1,619 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. Thank you

We look forward to seeing you at the Service.

Kind regards,

S Priestley

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Head Teacher



