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Harvest 2020 – the Covid Edition!

Dear Parents and Carers,

As shared a little while ago in a newsletter, we will be holding a Covid friendly Harvest this year.

Staff have been working to compile a video spanning the school from Reception to Year 6. This involves poetry and art (remembering that we are still not allowed to undertake group signing yet – to do with the spread of airborne particles!)

We will share the link to this video on Friday, the 9th October, the date that we had published for our planned Harvest.

As a school, we dearly miss the ability to meet as a group and as you will see, we have worked under no sharing of images of children other than your own on any form of social media, plus Covid restrictions to create our Harvest celebration.

Each class is featured, so please do have a look.

We are supporting the Keynsham Foodbank this year (we try to rotate our support to different foodbanks. We also know that this is a Foodbank that some of our families use)

<https://keynsham.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/> . As described in the previous newsletter, the impact of Covid on some family's incomes has meant that Foodbanks are even more needed at this time.

In place of the usual harvest donations, we ask if you are able, that you do the following:

Either donate on line to Keynsham Foodbank via: <https://keynsham.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-money/> or

Or bring in tin cans of food only (as they can be quarantined and easily wiped down) on the morning of the 9th. For this option, we will have class specific boxes in the corridor outside each classroom, which will be removed after donations, the items cleaned and then quarantined until we are then able to share them with Keynsham Foodbank. If you wish to donate, your child should bring food in as they enter school on the 9th, and their teacher will ensure this is safely put into said box.

Thank you all in advance.

In case you wanted to follow harvest up at home, here is what we will have done in preparation for celebrating Harvest. We will have spoken in class about why we celebrate harvest, the history of when we were much more tied to seasons. We will have reflected on a time when food was not so plentiful and that farming and the keeping of livestock was a hard and precarious job, which did not always yield the results hoped for. We will have linked this to us now being thankful for those that provide us food – from farmer through to families earning money to be able to buy food, as well as people that prepare food for us (often mum and dad!). Lastly, we will have taken time to stop and look at the receiving of food that most people take for granted, realise that this is not the same for everyone and how we should appreciate the food we have.

Thank you again and we all look forward to a time that we can celebrate such events together again!

Mr Brown and the Longwell Green Team.

