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Dear Parents and Carers,



**Harvest- Helping Hands
"Saying Thanks and Giving Back"
Friday 8th October**



Many religions and cultures have special celebrations to say "thank you" for all that they have. Often, at these times, people share their good fortune with others. For many people times are tight, jobs are scarce and even finding a safe place to live is becoming harder and harder. Despite this, every year families and the community at Thames View Infants gather together and help those that need support the most. This was particularly evident during the pandemic when the outpouring of support was humbling.

This year's focus for Harvest Festival continues in the spirit of helping our local community and we will be passing on the items that are donated to the Barking "Food Bank". This is a really good cause that has helped many of our families in their time of need.

We would like to invite you to attend our festivities in school starting with a

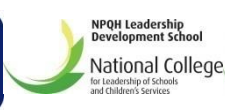
**Donation Coffee Morning on Friday 8th October at
9.00am -10.30am.**

Bring your food bank donations into school and have a cup of coffee and a chat with us.

If you are wondering what to bring, here are some ideas:



- Noodles/Pasta or pasta sauce
- Tinned foods
- Toiletries (soap, show/bath gel, toothpaste, tooth brushes, feminine hygiene products, nappies)
- Dried packet foods



We're a PAPERLESS School – so you must download & register your **ParentMail App** to receive e-newsletters, to book after-school clubs & Parents' meetings or to confirm consent for educational visits.

- Long life foods.
- Pet Food

Later on, also on Friday 8th October, (from 11.30am) there will be a “shared lunch” and parents and carers are invited to bring along a favourite home-cooked dish to share with other families. It’s a time to celebrate togetherness again, welcoming you back into school to events at Thames View Infants that families have missed since March 2020. Sharing food and eating together is an important tradition around the world so we are looking forward to welcoming a range of different world foods. You will come into school at 11:30am with your plate of food and have lunch with your child and their friends.

Helping



At 9:00am	From 11:30am
Come in, have a cuppa and donate an item to the food bank	Bring a plate of home cooked food to share with other families. Sharing food is a traditional part of many cultures around the world. So come and join in! You will sit with your child at lunchtime and eat together.

Hands



**We will carefully sort halal, vegetarian, fish etc so please let us know what's in each dish.*

We are really looking forward to seeing you all on Friday 8th October, hopefully you will be able to attend both the donation coffee morning and our shared meal in the afternoon.

Remember, due to Covid we have some additional rules for coming into school this year:

- If you could do a Lateral Flow Covid Test in the morning before you come into school, we would be really grateful. Please have your negative test result text ready for checking on your phone.
- Please wear a mask at all times whilst in school.
- Please scan the 'Track and Trace' NHS QR code on your way into school.
- Please come into school via the School Office only and make sure that you get fully signed in.

If you have any questions please come and see us as soon as possible.

Cf Smith

Claire Smith
Deputy Headteacher