

# Thames View Infants



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Dear Parents and Carers,

## Harvest- Helping Hands - "Saying Thanks and Giving Back" - Friday 7<sup>th</sup> 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 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.

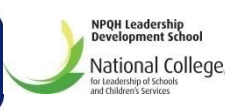
We would like to invite you to attend our Harvest festivities in school starting with a

**Donation Coffee Morning on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> 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 can't come to the coffee morning then please just send any donations into school with your child.

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)



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.

- Dried packet foods
- Long life foods.
- Pet Food



Later on, also on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October, (from 11:15am) 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. Please make a note of the times below:

**Shared Lunch on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October at:**  
**11:15am for Reception**  
**12:15pm for Years 1 & 2**

It's a time to celebrate togetherness. 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 your given time slot with your plate of food and have lunch with your child and their friends. Please make sure that you come to school at the correct time for your child's year group after which you will have half an hour in which to enjoy lunch with your child.

Please note that due to space limitations, we can only allow one adult per family.

## Helping Hands

At 9:00am	11:15am – Reception Parents 12:15pm – Years 1 & 2 Parents
<p>Come in, have a cuppa and donate an item to the food bank</p> 	<p>Bring a plate of home cooked food to share with other families. Sharing food is a traditional part of many cultures around the world.</p> <p>So come and join in! You will sit with your child at lunchtime and eat together.</p> 

*\*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 7<sup>th</sup> October, hopefully you will be able to attend both the donation coffee morning and our shared meal in the afternoon.

Yours sincerely,



**Paul Jordan**  
**Headteacher**