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Dear Parents and Carers,

Harvest- Helping Hands - "Saying Thanks and Giving Back" - Friday 4th 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 4th October at
9:00am - 10:00am.**

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 & dried packet foods
- Toiletries (soap, show/bath gel, toothpaste, tooth brushes, feminine hygiene products, nappies)
- Long life foods.
- Pet Food



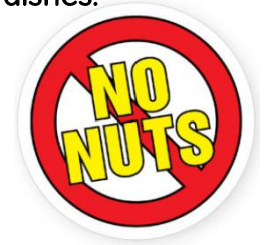
We're a PAPERLESS School – so you must download & register your ParentMail App to receive e-newsletters, to book after-school clubs & Parents' meetings or to confirm consent for educational visits.

Later on, also on Friday 4th October, 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. We would ask that any homemade food is labelled; for example, ‘halal’ or ‘vegetarian’. If there are any allergens such as ‘dairy’, ‘egg’ etc... please also make this very clear.

Please **do not** use any nuts, including nut oils & sesame oil, in your dishes. We have children in school who are **extremely allergic** to nuts, including coconut, and we cannot risk them being exposed. Please be very mindful of the ingredients you use whilst cooking your dishes.

Please make a note of the times below:

Shared Lunch on Friday 4th October at:
11:15am for Reception
12:15pm for Years 1 & 2



You will come into school at your given time slot with your dish 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.



We will try our best to ensure that all food brought in from home is labelled correctly with allergens being made clear. However, if your child does come out of class to eat a ‘shared lunch’ with you, then we cannot be responsible for the food they are eating whilst they are in your care. Please be mindful of this if your child has allergies.

Helping Hands

<p>At 9:00am</p> <p>Come in, have a cuppa and donate an item to the food bank</p> 	<p>11:15am – Reception Parents 12:15pm – Years 1 & 2 Parents</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> 
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Please note that due to space limitations, we can only allow one adult per family.

We are really looking forward to seeing you all on Friday 4th October, hopefully you will be able to attend both the donation coffee morning and our shared meal in the afternoon.

Yours sincerely,

Emma Murphy | Inclusion Officer