

September 2026

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Dear Parents and Friends of Castle Hill

This year, our Harvest Assembly is taking place on **Monday 28th September**. We will celebrate with our usual Harvest Festival assembly. After the success of previous years, we will be sharing voluntary donations with the CHPS Foodbank at both sites and the Basingstoke Foodbank.

Many foodbank clients are low-income families hit by a crisis that is not their fault such as redundancy, reduced working hours or the rising prices of everyday goods. Others are people experiencing benefit delay, facing debt problems or those hit by illness. These food items will be used to provide emergency support to local needy families who find themselves in difficulty. This is a valuable opportunity for our children to display their care for the community, which is a direct link to our HPL values.

Basingstoke Foodbank has requested voluntary donations of items that are non-perishable i.e. tinned, packet or dried items, rather than fresh fruit and vegetables. We have a shopping list below and ask that as our school is allergy aware, that there are NO NUT PRODUCTS.

Please send your voluntary items into school by **Thursday 22nd October** to be collected outside the classroom and stored before being delivered to both the Basingstoke Foodbank and Spotlight UK. Many thanks for your continued help and support.

Shopping List for both sites:

- Deodorants, toiletries and feminine hygiene products
- Toothbrushes and toothpaste
- Tinned good (not beans, tuna or tinned tomatoes)
- Pasta and curry sauces
- Baby wipes
- Laundry products/washing up liquid
- Cooking sauces (jars/sachets)
- Custard
- Puddings (Packet or tinned)
- Milk and juice (UHT)
- Breakfast spreads
- Biscuits and snack bars
- Teabags and coffee
- Cat and dog food

Yours sincerely,

The CHPS Team