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Date: 28th September 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

As Harvest Festival is approaching, I would like to inform you of the events taking place in school to mark this time of year.

Firstly, we have started our collection for SVP, HARP and Southend Foodbank, two local charities who help combat homelessness in our local community. We are asking students to collect donations for these charities in the way of tinned goods, toiletries, and dried foods. Students are collecting these items as Form groups and can leave their donations in their Form room.

Secondly, on Friday 2nd October, it is CAFOD Family Fast Day. CAFOD are an international development charity and the official aid agency of the Catholic Church in England and Wales. They reach out to people living in poverty with practical help, whatever their religion or culture, and campaign for global justice, so that every woman, man and child can live a full and dignified life. To mark Family Fast Day, where we remember those living in poverty and give what we can, there will be a soup and a roll lunch in the Dining Hall. This will be the only food served at lunchtime. The cost of this lunch will be £2.90. There will also be an opportunity to donate to CAFOD on Parentpay during our Harvest preparations.

Please encourage your daughter/son to get involved in these events for such worthy causes as much as they can.

Yours Faithfully,

Mrs Abel

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