



September 2020

Dear parents/carers,

Those of you who have been growing fruits and vegetables are, I'm sure, enjoying picking the last of your tomatoes before the cold snap comes. I have noticed the hard work of all our local farmers at the moment too. Usually at this time of year we start planning our meeting in the church to celebrate Harvest together. We are sad that we will not be able to undertake Harvest in the typical way this year.

However, at school the classes will prepare a short Harvest item (a song or poem etc) which Mr Dougan will record. In the last week of Term 1 we will enjoy the contributions the classes have created with a Harvest assembly (zoomed). Mr Dougan hopes to be able to share the recording that your child has taken part in with you so you can enjoy them at home too. We will contact you about this when recording is complete.

As a school we usually collect and give Harvest items to our local food bank in Stroud – we know the extraordinary situation we are in has meant real hardship for many families. If you want to contribute to the collection for Stroud Food Bank we will set out empty boxes at the front entrance in the last week of term (Mond 19<sup>th</sup> –Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct). Please do not send in fresh good as the Food Bank cannot store these. The items the food bank particularly wants are:

BISCUITS/SNACKS SWEET OR SAVOURY  
TOILET ROLL  
UHT FRUIT JUICE  
TINNED CUSTARD  
RICE PUDDING  
TINNED POTATOES  
TINNED FRUIT  
SMALL BAGS OF SUGAR  
SHAMPOO  
SHAVING KITS



We will liaise with the local church, who is also collecting for the Stroud Food Bank, for the harvest collection to be dropped off.

I hope you all have a little moment to enjoy the lovely weather this week - whether picking vegetables or playing in the garden with your children.

With kind regards,

Zoe Avastu  
Headteacher