



Birley Primary Academy

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Dear Parents/Carers,

The autumn term is well underway and as part of our Harvest Celebrations this year we are asking you to help feed local people in crisis by collecting tinned and dried food which we will be sending to Handsworth Foodbank. We are asking everyone to rally round to give items such as breakfast cereals, pasta sauces, tinned vegetables, tomatoes, tinned meat, sponge pudding, UHT milk, fruit juice and tinned puddings. These are items the food bank are currently in desperate need of:

*Instant mash potato
Tinned vegetables
Long life fruit juice
Tinned meat
Tinned rice pudding
Pasta sauces
Tinned Fruit
UHT Milk
Macaroni cheese
Ravioli*

The food bank helps local individuals and families in crisis through the provision of emergency food supplies donated by churches, schools, businesses and the general public. The circumstances surrounding a crisis are unique to every individual, so the food bank partners with frontline care professionals, such as health visitors, social workers and other community-based support workers, who are able to identify people facing hunger and refer them to the food bank. As well as receiving nutritionally-balanced three day food parcels, people are welcomed with a cup of tea, listened to and sign posted to agencies that are able to help resolve the underlying cause of their crisis. Last year The Handsworth Foodbank distributed just under 103,000.00kg of food to local people in crisis.

On Friday 20th October someone from the foodbank is coming to talk to the children in assembly about what happens to the food you kindly donate and how this helps.

We are asking that your child brings any items you wish to donate into the academy from Wednesday 18th October. Once in the academy we will collect all donated items together where they will then be collected and taken to the foodbank after our assembly on Friday.

We are always overwhelmed by your generous donations every year- your contributions really do make a difference.

As always your support is greatly appreciated.

Many thanks

Dawn McAughey

Headteacher

