

Graham James Primary Academy



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Dear Parents

Harvest Festival

Our annual Harvest Festival will take place on Monday 5th October.

As we are all aware, financially, things are becoming more and more difficult for everyone. This year, we have decided that we would like to look after each other again by supporting our own families and also the local FoodBank which services the local community. We know that all our families are continually supporting the Academy and all the charitable events that we run, so we want to utilise this festival to give thanks to you as a community and as our extended Graham James Family.

We have decided that we will collect food items (suggestions below) and make items available to collect for any of our families or their neighbours that might be finding things difficult at the moment. This will be available for parents to collect after school between Monday 5th October and Thursday 8th October. Please bring a bag and simply help yourself if you need to. Any items left after this date will be donated to Thurrock Foodbank to support other families in the wider community.

When times are a bit tough, we would like to think that we are one big family that pulls together to make things a little easier and, as an Academy, we are so grateful for all that our families do to support us and each other.

If you are able to donate any dried goods or tinned items as they have a longer life we would be very grateful, Items that the Foodbank suggests are; -

Biscuits
Fruit Juice / fruit squash
Coffee/Tea Bags
UHT Milk
Jams/spreads
Custard / rice pudding
Noodles
Pasta sauces

Tinned potatoes / Tinned meats
Tinned fruit / sponge puddings
Tinned soup
Tinned fish
Tinned vegetables
Cereal
Porridge oats
Packet mash
Savoury snacks

Please give these items to your child to bring into class anytime now and the morning of Monday 5th October.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Mrs H Pollington
RE Lead