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Dear Families

It's that time of year again when our school community comes together to support others through our annual Harvest collection. This year, more than ever, your help is needed as many families continue to feel the impact of the ongoing cost-of-living crisis.

As always, all donations will go to **City Mission**, who run the **Southampton Basics Bank** (<https://southamptonmission.co.uk/basics-banks>). City Mission sorts and distributes these essential items to individuals and families across the city through a network of local venues.

Currently, the Basics Bank is especially in need of the following items

- Tinned meat and fish
- Cook-in Sauces
- Soup
- Coffee and Tea
- Tinned fruit and vegetables
- Tinned macaroni cheese
- Pasta and Rice
- Custard
- Packets of noodles
- Shampoo, Toothbrushes and Toothpaste

All donations, big or small, are hugely appreciated.

Donations can be brought into school **between Monday 13th October and Monday 20th October.**

Our collection will be displayed during our **Harvest Assembly on Monday 20th October**, which will be presented by City Mission. They will collect the donations and deliver them to the Basics Bank the following day.

We are incredibly grateful for any support you can offer. However, we also understand that some families in our own school community may be facing financial hardship at this time. If you are in need of support, please remember that we can make referrals to local charities, including the Basics Bank.

If this is something you would like help with, please don't hesitate to speak in confidence to **Miss Hughes** or **Mrs Abbott**. We are here to support you.

Thank you for your kindness and generosity.

Mrs S Davies
Class Teacher

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