

October 2016

Dear Parents

On Friday 14th October, we will be having our Harvest Festival. Traditionally we have used this time to give thanks for what we have and to provide gifts for those less fortunate than ourselves. We have always had a tremendous response from you to our appeals and we are hoping that you will be generous again this year.

The food will be distributed to **Nightstop** a charity which provides shelter and emergency food parcels for homeless 16-25 year olds in and around the Buxton area. They would be grateful for any donations of non-perishable items, e.g. biscuits, pasta, tins of fruit, meats, vegetables, pasta sauces, UHT milk, breakfast cereals and rice pudding and custard. Donations to purchase such items would also be welcomed.

Once again we will also want to support Operation Christmas Child a project of Samaritan's Purse International. We will be providing form groups with boxes for the pupils to fill and so we would therefore be grateful for any small gifts to fill these boxes. If possible we also require £2.50 postage for each box. If you are a taxpayer this £2.50 can be treated as a Gift Aid donation but you will need to complete the form on the postage label. Last year we were able to send over 50 boxes to Syrian refugees currently camped in Northern Iraq and we would be delighted if we could match this again this year.

If you prefer, you can also send in a donation to cover the cost of filling the boxes which we would be most grateful for.

Items of non-perishable food, donations or shoe boxes can be sent in to school prior to 13th October. Please label monetary donations clearly with the charity you wish them to go to.

A summary of ways in which you can help can be found on the reverse of this letter.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely

Ms C Neves
Chaplaincy Co-ordinator



SHARE THE HARVEST

Please support our

Harvest Festival

This year we have chosen to support Operation Christmas Child a project of Samaritan's Purse International

Please help.....

By providing gifts to fill a standard size shoebox for a child

Or

by sending in £2.50 for publicity, collection, distribution and transport costs

Or

by sending in food for a charity providing food for the homeless

Or

A donation to CAFOD

Thank You

Thursday 13th OCTOBER