

# MELBOURNE INFANT SCHOOL

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Dear Parents & Carers,

17 October 2018

This week the children have been finding out and talking about Harvest Festivals, why we have them, what we celebrate, and what we can all do to take part. We have talked about giving thanks for the harvest of crops, but also being grateful for what opportunities we have. We have introduced the work of two charities to all the children this year:

- The **Padley Group** in Derby is one of the largest local charities. Its purpose is to provide services to the most deprived and vulnerable in our society. More information can be found on their website [www.padleygroup.com](http://www.padleygroup.com). We are asking for donations of food (no fresh food) to support them in delivering emergency food parcels to the local community.

Suggested items include:

*tea*                      *coffee*                      *drinking chocolate*                      *fruit squash*                      *jam*  
*sugar*                      *pasta*                      *long life milk*                      *baked beans*                      *rice*  
*biscuits*                      *sauces (red, brown, mayonnaise)*  
*tinned foods such as: soup, custard, fish, fruit, meat, meatballs, ravioli, rice pudding*

- The charity **Child.org** has recently taken over from Seeds For Africa, a charity which we have supported in the past. They support African villages to become self sufficient in terms of farming so that their children have the opportunity to go to school, to play and learn instead of working. More information can be found on their website [www.child.org](http://www.child.org).

For our Harvest Festival this year on **Thursday 25 October**, rather than just simply ask you for donations of food or money, we have challenged the children to talk to you about what they can do to be helpful.

**Challenge 1)** To promise to do something to help around the house (make the bed, tidy up after playing, help with pets etc) and in return for their help we would be grateful if you could donate any money for Child.org by putting coins in their pots ready to bring into school on Harvest Festival day.

**Challenge 2)** To talk to you about what foods they could add to your weekly shopping so they can bring it in in readiness for our Harvest Festival on Thursday 25 October (produce may be brought into your child's class from Monday and by Wednesday at the latest).

I would like to thank you in anticipation of your continued support.

Yours sincerely

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