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Harvest Festival
Wednesday 9th October

Dear Parents/Carers,

We will be holding our Harvest Festival on **Wednesday 9th October** in St Mary's Church during the school day. This year, like last year, we will be giving all your kind donations to a local charity – New Forest Basics Bank.

In 2004 a church pastor living and working in New Milton recognised that there were people in need in his community, and he tried to help by keeping a supply of foodstuffs in his own home so that he could hand this out when he identified need. After a while the need expanded and he then asked Churches Together in Lymington if they could take on this work. CT in Lymington agreed to this and a small group of people from the different churches in the town committed themselves to the work and, with the support of their various congregations, the Food Bank began to operate. The URC gave them the use of an upstairs room as a store and distribution centre, and the New Forest Basics Bank sprang from those modest beginnings.

NFBB offers basic non-perishable food-stuffs, personal hygiene items (soap, toothpaste etc) and basic household materials (washing-up liquid). Each parcel has supplies for one week for one or two people. Multiples of the basic single parcel can be supplied depending on the number in the household, including children.

New Forest Basics Bank have the following list of preferred items so if you are able to send in something from this list, that would be great. However any other items will be gratefully received.

- Tinned Meats
- Tinned Vegetables (including potatoes)
- Tinned Fruit
- Tinned Custard
- Pot Noodles
- UHT Milk
- Coffee
- Biscuits
- Jam/Marmalade
- Washing Up Liquid
- Shampoo
- Shower Gel
- Tooth Brushes and Paste
- Toilet Rolls



Many thanks in advance for your support for this incredibly worthwhile local charity.

Nikki Pollitt
Deputy Head