Edenfield C E Primary School

29th September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Harvest Thanksgiving
Friday 6th October 2023
Edenfield Parish Church

The Harvest Thanksgiving Service this year will take place on **Friday 6th October** at 9:15am at Edenfield Parish Church. Parents, carers and friends are warmly welcomed to join us for the service which will be led by the children in Class Reception and KS1. This year, our theme for Harvest is closely linked to the Church of England Generosity Week 2023. Generosity Week takes place in the Harvest season, so that as we thank God for his generosity to us, we also have the opportunity to think about how we might respond to that generosity. The service will be planned around Proverbs 3: 1-10 with a focus on Peace, Love, Trust, Kindness and Give. The children will also be completing the ***Generosity Challenge*** and sharing this with the congregation.

We are asking families to either make a donation to Christian Aid or bring items to assist people less fortunate than us in our immediate community. These items should consist of:

- Toiletries (soap/ shower gel/shampoo/ shaving foam etc.)
- Any non-perishable food item that the homeless or a family living in poverty may need

Christian Aid seeks to eradicate extreme poverty by tackling its root causes. Together with people living in poverty, it amplifies their voices to speak truth to power and create lasting change. It also leads various appeals including the Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal. This appeal is especially close to the school's heart as we hosted our wonderful Ukrainian children last year. Our lives were touched forever by their courage and resilience. It would be wonderful for us to raise more money for this appeal as part of our Harvest Thanksgiving.

The service will be followed by Stars of the Week awards.

We thank you in advance for your generosity in supporting these worthwhile causes and for supporting the children in church next Friday.

Yours faithfully,

C.L. Garner
Headteacher