



Edenfield C E Primary School

24th September 2025

Dear Parents and Carer,

Harvest Thanksgiving Friday 3rd October 2025 Edenfield Parish Church

The Harvest Thanksgiving Service this year will take place on **Friday 3rd 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 KS1 with a musical performance from Class Reception. This year, our theme for Harvest is inspired by Christian Aid. Entitled the Harvest of Hope, Christian Aid is highlighting how, in many places around the world, traditional agricultural practices are becoming increasingly ineffective in the face of extreme weather events and changing climates. By raising money, we are trying to help farmers living in poverty to start new projects and reduce the hunger crises.

This harvest we are thinking about whether we have more than enough and more than we need. During Harvest Festival, Class 2 will be challenging us to consider what we are doing with the surplus, with the extra? If we are holding on to things tightly, and keeping what we have to ourselves, Class 2 will demonstrate what we could do differently. One step might be sharing our food [as we are doing through our harvest offering next week]. Or it could be donating toys or clothes, sharing our time by volunteering to help someone, or sharing our love by seeking out someone who needs support and kindness. This Harvest, Christian Aid is asking us to share our hope with our global neighbours - families in other countries where it can be hard to grow crops and for people to get all the food they need.

Class 1 will be reminding us that many children in the UK and around the world do not have enough to eat every day and some children even go to school with empty lunchboxes. In other countries too, children struggle to get the nutritious varied diet that they need to grow up healthy. More than 700 million people in the world are hungry and many more experience food insecurity, meaning they do not have reliable sources of nutritious food day to day. Class 1 will be exploring what can we do about the problem of hunger and sharing how we can come together, as followers of Jesus, filled with God's love, and make change happen in our world. We will be doing that in our Harvest service next week by donating food to our local food bank, or donating to Christian Aid.

If you would like to donate to Christian Aid, who will be using money raised to train more young farmers to prevent hunger and malnutrition, please send small change in a sealed envelope for this worthy cause. Or if preferred, the children may bring a donation of non-perishable goods and these will be collected and distributed to those in need in our local community, as well as to local food banks.

There will be no Stars of the Week on Friday 3rd October with these awards instead being presented on Friday 10th October.

We thank you in advance for your generosity in supporting these worthwhile causes and for supporting the children in church on Friday 3rd October.

Yours faithfully,

C.L. Garner
Headteacher