



Friday, 15th September 2017

To Parents of Reception to Form V

Harvest Thanksgiving Service - Friday, 29th September at 9.30am

Dear Parents,

You are all most welcome to attend our Harvest Thanksgiving Service at St. Nicholas' Church, Church Green, Harpenden on Friday, 29th September at 9.30am.

Please bring your daughter to school in the normal way, ensuring that she has her blazer and cagoule in case of rain. We will be rehearsing at the church on Thursday, 28th September and on both days the girls will be walking from the School to church. We would like to leave the School promptly at 9.00am so would be very grateful if you could ensure that your daughter arrives in good time.

The theme of our Harvest service this year is 'Giving thanks with a helping hand' and we have chosen 'Lend with Care' as our charity. 'Lend with Care' is a revolutionary way to help some of the world's poorest people work their way out of poverty with dignity. The charity encourages its supporters to lend as little as £15 to fund a small business, and once your money is repaid you can choose to recycle your loan to support another poor entrepreneur. 'Lend with Care' is currently working in ten countries. 'Lend with Care' is an initiative of the poverty fighting charity, CARE International UK.

CARE International UK is a member of the CARE International confederation, one of the world's leading aid and development organisations. CARE fights poverty and injustice in 87 countries around the world to help the world's poorest people find routes out of poverty. They provide immediate aid to people hit by disasters and emergencies, and long-term support to poor communities to rebuild lives and overcome poverty.

100% of the money loaned through 'Lend with Care' goes to the entrepreneur. Each class is hoping to choose a different entrepreneur to support. You can help your child choose by visiting the website and researching different people who are really trying to make a difference. If you are inspired by a particular story, please do encourage your daughter to let her form teacher know. The website is <https://www.lendwithcare.org/>. We hope that there will be sufficient support to help a variety of causes.

Today, your daughter is bringing home a small brown envelope. We have asked each girl to earn a small amount of money by being kind and helpful at home and then to put this money inside her envelope. We would also like the girls to decorate the front of the envelope with a picture of what they did to raise their money. These envelopes should be returned to school by Thursday, 28th September, so gives them two weekends to do this. The girls will be asked to bring them to the front of the church during the Harvest Festival Service. We do hope that you feel able to support us in this local community charity event and that the girls will enjoy raising money for 'Lend with Care'.

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at St. Nicholas' Church on 29th September for the first service of the year.

Yours sincerely,

Mr D Sayers
Headmaster