

To Parents of Reception to Form V

Harvest Thanksgiving Service - Friday, 28th September at 9.30am

Dear Parents,

You are all most welcome to attend our Harvest Thanksgiving Service at the High Street Methodist Church, Harpenden on Friday, 28th September at 9.30am. This is a change from our usual location previously advertised at St Nicholas' Church.

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, 27th 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 'Let us bring hope' and we have chosen Médecins Sans Frontières as our charity. MSF is the world's leading independent medical humanitarian aid organisation working in over 65 countries around the world. The charity provides emergency medical aid in countries affected by war, natural disasters, or disease. The charity is able to act without waiting for governments and other institutions to release funds for support. This reach and independence means MSF will always try to help the people in greatest need. The charity focuses on being impartial and neutral, providing free medical care to people who need it most. More information is available via <https://www.msf.org.uk/>.

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, 27th September, which 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 Médecins Sans Frontières.

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the High Street Methodist Church on 28th September for the first service of the year.

Yours sincerely,

Mr D Sayers
Headmaster



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