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"We Only Reach for The Highest"

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Dear Parents/Carers

New Ways of Doing Things!

HARVEST THANKSGIVING 2020

For a number of years now, we have celebrated harvest time by collecting for Mustard Tree, Manchester.

What does Mustard Tree do?

Mustard Tree helps people to change their lives, secure better accommodation and economic wellbeing. Their focus is on tackling both the causes and consequences of poverty and homelessness. Since 1994 they have created opportunities for people to help themselves through providing practical support, friendship, connections into work and improvements to health and wellbeing, alongside new experiences to encourage aspiration.

They welcome people from across Greater Manchester to their Community Shops in Ancoats, Eccles and Little Hulton offering access to low cost food through the food club, clothing and household essentials such as furniture, pots and pans.

Aside from such essentials and just as importantly, they run structured volunteer programmes through which their clients can get involved in the enterprise side of Mustard Tree. Their Freedom volunteers help run successful charity shops, furniture collection/distribution, the professional kitchen and also a metals recycling and flat clearance project in Salford. They provide vocational training as part of the volunteering programme and find work placements for clients who wish to set employment as their goal.

They help people into new tenancies through the provision of furniture and items that make up a home and provide support around budgeting and money management. They advocate for their clients to find emergency accommodation and support them with landlords to help retain their housing.

They help people improve their health and wellbeing through helping to increase access to health services, providing friendship, community and something meaningful to do.

They tackle poverty of experience through providing creative activities such as art, music, drama and IT/Media resources. By helping people engage creatively, they help build confidence, recover self-esteem and unleash new potential.

Some people progress into paid employment but the real joy is to see self-confidence and hope return to some of the most disadvantaged and marginalised people in our communities.

As you can see, they provide an amazing within the community and all through donations! Although we won't be able to hold our usual Harvest Festival, we can still collect for Mustard Tree and then pass on our donations in due course.

With this in mind, I do hope that you can find something from the list below and allow your child to bring it in

to school on the morning of Friday 23rd October. Any goods collected will be stored in school for several days and then taken to Mustard Tree head office in Manchester.

On Friday 23rd October, I shall hold a special assembly for the children on the theme of sharing what we have with others who may not have as much as we do.

Yours



Mr. C. Searle



COVID-19 UPDATE

Donate food

As the crisis situation around Coronavirus develops, we are refocusing the charity around our food clubs, food supply and distribution, including managing donations from the public and distributing to homes for people who are on benefits or no income.

With this in mind, we have put together a priority list of items which we are currently in great need of:

FOOD

Tinned items (meatballs, ravioli, vegetables, new potatoes, fruit, fish, rice pudding)

Cereal

Fish

Bread

Cheese

UHT milk

Sugar

Tea bags

Gluten Free items

Dried, packets and cartons

- Biscuits
- Coffee
- Custard
- Instant mashed potato
- Milk (powdered and UHT)
- Packet soup
- Pasta and pasta sachets
- Pot noodles
- Rice (incl. bagged and flavoured)
- Rice pudding
- Sugar

Tins (preferably ones with ring pulls)

- **Beans, pulses and lentils**
- **Cooking sauces**
- **Curry (chicken, beef, vegetarian)**
- **Fish (tuna, sardines etc.)**
- **Fruit**
- **Meat (ham, chicken, sausages, hot dogs)**
- **Pasta (ravioli and spaghetti)**
- **Potatoes**
- **Soup**
- **Tomatoes**
- **Vegetables**