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Dear Parents

Re: St John's Harvest Mass

On **Sunday, 14 October**, our school is going to be celebrating Harvest Festival with a special Mass at St John's Catholic Church, Parrock Road at 10.30am.

At this Mass, children will be invited to read, say the bidding prayers, lead the hymns and bring up some special Harvest gifts at the offertory.

We would like to invite you to be part of this celebration by attending this Mass with your children. We would also appreciate it if you could send your child into school with one tin of food, i.e. soup, beans, spaghetti, etc. over the coming week and give it to their teacher. Please do not send in any perishable goods such as fruit or bread, we will provide these on the day. I will bring these items down to the church after school on Friday 12th October and lay them before the Altar.

If your child is in the school choir, please send them up to the front of the church on the day, where I will be seated with Mrs Krawczak.

Following the Mass, the food collected will be shared between the House of Mercy and the Gravesend Food Bank.

I do hope that you will be able to attend this Mass on Sunday, 14 October with your child. Please dress them in their school uniform so that we can make it a really special Parish/School event. Thank you.

Yours sincerely

Martin Smyth
R.E Subject Leader