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Dear Parents,

Harvest Festival for Reception, Years 1 + 2

After the success of last year, we have decided to structure our Harvest Festival celebrations in the same way.

We are going to be involved in a great opportunity by creating shoeboxes for the children's charity – 'The Samaritan's Purse' again. This organisation runs the world's largest children's Christmas appeal. It's a very special charity for children helped by children in the UK. In 2014/15 over 1.2 million gift shoeboxes were sent to children in the UK as well as Africa, Central Asia and Eastern Europe. Last year, at Northwick, we managed to send over 50 boxes, which ended up in Bulgaria.

So, instead of a tin of beans this year, could we please ask to you to supply one of the following small items- remember they will need to fit into a shoe box and all items should be new please.

- A hat, cap, scarf or gloves
- Toothbrush/toothpaste/ wrapped soap
- Comb/hairbrush/ flannel
- A small ball or tennis ball
- Colouring pens/pencils and paper/ notebooks etc
- A puzzle
- For boys: a toy car, truck, plane or football cards
- For girls: small jewellery set, a doll, skipping rope or hair accessories
- Small packets of wrapped sweets- Not chocolate (Sell by date after March 2018)

We are hoping that each class will be able to send their shoebox and then track it over the coming months.

Our Reception, Years 1 + 2 Harvest Festival Service will take place on **Monday 2nd October** here at school in assembly (children only) and will be taken by Rev. Faye Bailey.

We will be collecting our harvest shoebox items throughout the month of October. Many thanks in advance for your co-operation and generous donations.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Wingham