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Dear Parents

Harvest 2017 – Trussell Trust, Billingham Foodbank

The Prep & Senior School Harvest Festival will take place in St. Mary's Church on Monday 2 October at 8:45am. Last year, with the aid of your generosity, Red House School supported Billingham Foodbank. We were able to donate a significant amount of food to those in need in our local community. This year we have chosen to continue to support Billingham Foodbank as part of our Harvest celebrations. The Trussell Trust is a Christian charity, which operates food banks all over the country. They provide assistance to people of all backgrounds, and all faiths or none, who are found to be in genuine need.

'The Trussell Trust works to empower local communities to combat poverty and exclusion in the UK and Bulgaria. We work with the people that society forgets, providing practical help through sustainable projects and enabling each person to realise that they are valued. We operate according to Christian principles of compassion, honesty, integrity, openness, kindness and care of all people, regardless of backgrounds or beliefs. We believe in turning faith into practical action, living out God's love for the poor. We serve people of all faith groups and beliefs or none. We are passionate about inclusion and being non-judgemental is central to what we do. We believe that everyone has the right to have food on their plate, dignity, skills, a chance to work and hope for the future.'

Every day people in the UK go hungry for reasons ranging from redundancy to receiving an unexpected bill on a low income. Trussell Trust foodbanks provide a minimum of three days emergency food and support to people experiencing crisis in the UK. In 2015/16 Trussell Trust foodbanks gave 1,109,309 three day emergency food supplies to people in crisis.'

Below is a list of the Trusts most needed items:

Coffee	Rice pudding	Washing up liquid
Milk (UHT or powdered)	Tinned fruit	Shampoo
Sugar (500g)	Tinned vegetables	Conditioner
Fruit juice (carton)	Curry sauces	Shower Gel
Fruit Cordial/Squash	Pasta sauces	Toothpaste
Tomatoes (tinned)	Tinned meat/fish	Toilet Rolls
Custard	Washing powder	

The donations will be collected on Friday 6 October. Pupils should take their donations to the hall before the start of school and hand them to a member of the Year 11 Charity Committee. Cash donations can also be given, this will be used by the Foodbank to contribute towards the purchase of a new van. Cash donations can be handed in to the Office in a sealed envelope marked 'Foodbank'.

Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

Yours sincerely

Mrs L M Roberts
Head of Teaching & Learning