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**Dear Parents and Carers**

## **Harvest Donations**

Our annual harvest assembly will take place virtually next week. We may not be able to gather together in person this year, but we are still keen to share a harvest message with the children and help them to understand how important it is to appreciate all we have and never take the food we are given for granted. As part of this message, we would like to make a donation to the Friary Drop-in Centre on Musters Road, who we know would be extremely grateful for any contributions. The centre volunteers work so hard to prepare food parcels and meals for those in need. Children can bring items of food to school from next Monday (11<sup>th</sup> October). These should be taken to classrooms and teachers will arrange for any donations to be brought together, ready for collection by Friary staff on Thursday morning (14<sup>th</sup> October). Non-perishable items such as cans and packets of food are ideal as they can be stored for a long time, but the centre will also gladly accept fresh produce too.

## **Shoebox Appeal**

The local Sewa Day Nottingham charity has contacted us to ask if we would support them with one of their current projects. Last Christmas, the charity packed almost 1000 shoeboxes with gifts and this year they have set themselves the same target. None of this work would be possible without the ongoing help of the local community and organisers would be so grateful for your involvement.

Shoeboxes will be gifted to foodbank users from the Rushcliffe area, homeless people in Nottingham City and County, survivors of domestic violence in Nottingham City and County, young carers, teenagers, care leavers and other children in need.

If you would like to get involved, you can wrap a shoebox filled with gifts for any of the categories below:

- children who are vulnerable
- women who are survivors of domestic violence
- men (homeless)
- teenagers (care leavers, vulnerable)
- homeless people living in hostels

Shoeboxes can be brought into school and handed in at reception, anytime before Wednesday 1st December. We will then contact Sewa Day to arrange their collection.

For updates you can follow the group on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/sewadaynotts/>, Twitter or Instagram - @sewadaynotts.

Many thanks for your support with both of these appeals.

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