



ST FRANCIS XAVIER
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Family Fast Day and Harvest Celebrations

Harvest time is a time when we think about people who are not as fortunate as we are – in our local community and around the world. We are therefore asking for your support in the following ways:

- We are collecting for *Brushstrokes*, a local charity / food bank. Please send in non-perishable items (no fresh fruit and vegetables please) for us to send to them between Monday 11th^h October and Thursday 14th October.
- On Thursday 14th October the children will join together to celebrate Mass to give thanks for the Harvest.
- This Harvest we are also supporting CAFOD and joining other schools around the country by going green! Harvest Fast Day is Friday 1st October.

World leaders are meeting in Glasgow this November for a crucial meeting about the climate crisis and the future of our planet and its people. We are fundraising to support communities around the world who are protecting the planet.

How our fundraising will help

We're raising money for CAFOD, the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, a charity working with communities around the world to build a brighter world.

Our fundraising will support people like Luana who lives in the Brazilian Amazon. When fires destroyed the crops and trees that Luana's community rely on to survive, CAFOD's local experts helped them to replant using sustainable methods so that they would have food to eat and to sell.

We have chosen to support CAFOD as a way for our pupils to put their faith into action. By raising money for Go Green, we will be supporting our brothers and sisters around the world, inspiring our pupils to become active global citizens and living out our school mission.

Please encourage your children to give up a snack or treat on that day and use that money to donate to this worthy cause. You can donate here:

<https://cafod.org.uk/donations/one-off? Amount=20& Appeal=124790>

If there are any issues with payments online you can send your donation into school. Thank you all for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

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