

Whole School Harvest Mass

20th October 2017

Our whole school Harvest Mass took place at St James the Great Church on Wednesday **18th October at 9.30am**. Pupils were asked to bring to school one cereal food such as porridge oats and packets of cereal to Church. This was placed in front of the altar.

In this Mass we celebrated Harvest. Children from all classes participated in the Mass. Reception children made bread which was laid at the altar during the offertory procession.

All of the donations were then collected by the Orpington Foodbank Organisation and distributed to people who are in need within our local community.

The Foodbank helps individuals and families in crisis, through the provision of emergency food supplies. During the summer holidays, the Foodbank have given out nearly 5000 kgs of food to local families identified by school workers as needing extra help when free school meals were not available. They also ran a Summer Lunch Club this year with 60 guests, with families that the schools nominated. This was only possible because of the generous donations from supportive local schools.

A big thank you to everyone who donated cereals for the Food Bank. Your generosity was amazing. We donated 116.8kg of cereal products.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Wilson

