



# Ashby Hill Top Primary School

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Dear Parent/ Carer

## Harvest Festival

This year we are unfortunately unable to go to the church together with our family and friends to celebrate Harvest in our traditional way. Ashby Foodbank are not collecting Harvest donations from local schools at the moment but if families wish to make individual donations these can be left at any time in the boxes in the porch of either Ashby Congregational Church or Holy Trinity Church.

At Hill Top we would like to offer an alternative harvest this year to our pupils. We are planning a **'Harvest of kindness and thanks'**.

Now, as never before in our lifetimes, we are thankful to the organisations and individuals who have worked tirelessly to provide for and keep our local community safe. We would like to join together with the children to offer them our thanks through sending written messages and small hampers of treats to show our appreciation. Should you wish to contribute to these hampers please donate a small item such as a packet of biscuits, box of chocolates or packet of tea-bags in the collection boxes at the front of school over the next week. These will then be delivered to a variety of local organisations such as emergency services, supermarkets, care homes and medical teams.

In these difficult times we are well aware that many people are struggling and we would like to share some positive messages in our locality. We will be asking each child to decorate a pebble with a message of hope that they will then bring home and hide ready for another local child or resident to find. Our aim is that these pebbles are found and re-hidden numerous times over the coming months to spread a little joy and positivity! Via a twitter hashtag we will be able to track our pebbles and some of the people who receive our messages.

Please can your child bring a clean, smooth pebble into school to decorate. It will need to be big enough for them to be able to write a message or draw on but one that can fit in their hand. The pebbles will need to be in school by Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October in order for us to decorate them and bring them home to hide on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October. You can follow the progress of our stones using the #hilltopstones hashtag.

Once again, we are sad that we cannot celebrate harvest in a way that we can all enjoy together and we look forward to next year when hopefully we can. We will share photographs of our 'Kindness and thanks' harvest with you on the school website and twitter feed at @Ashby\_Hill\_Top.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Sylvie Newman

