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Dear parents,

Thank you so much to everyone who sent in cakes, biscuits and sweet treats for the MacMillan Fairtrade coffee afternoon last week! Thanks also to those who came along and spent generously and to those mums and grans who helped to run the cake and coffee stalls! The afternoon was so well supported and we raised over £290 for MacMillan and £100 for Fairtrade!! A fantastic amount for a small school!!

We are busy preparing for our Harvest Festival. This will take place on
Tuesday 6th October at St Kentigern's Church at 2.30pm. This is a lovely traditional celebration and all parents, families and friends are very welcome to join us.

Every child who attends school on a Tuesday afternoon will be taking part in the service and will be bringing home some words to practise. If your child normally attends Nursery on Tuesday afternoon, they will also take part.

We ask that each child brings in a harvest gift, that they will take to church.
The day following the Harvest festival class 3 will distribute harvest hampers to the retired residents of Irthington. We know that these hampers are very much appreciated. Last year we distributed over 30 hampers, which as you can imagine takes an awful lot of food and goodies to fill.
Please can you send in something that your child can carry to church and if you feel able to, please do send in some extra items to help us fill up these hampers. Some parents made up hampers in advance (shoe box size or just a bit bigger is ideal) which was enormously helpful. Suggested items include: traditional harvest gifts of fruit and vegetables or something different such as store cupboard essentials like tins or jars jams and marmalade, or even something extra special like chocolates, biscuits, tea, coffee or other delicious treats. If it is easier you could drop off any extra items into the school office any time between now and the day of the Harvest Festival.

Not only are the gifts very well received but provide the school children with a real opportunity to make valuable connections with their local community.

Should you be unable to come along to the Harvest Festival please arrange to collect your child from the *church at 3.30pm.* We will walk any children travelling home on the school bus or attending after school club back to school. Please complete the attached slip and return to school.

Yours sincerely,

Lynn Harrison

Harvest Festival

- I am unable to attend the harvest festival and will collect my child/ren……..

……..from church at 3.30pm.

- I would like my child/ren……to be walked back to school to travel home on the school bus.

- I would like my child/ren ……to be walked back to school for After school club.

Signed…….