



Thursday 3rd October 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am delighted to announce that we will be supporting the inspiring work of Paul Hugill from The Neighbours Kitchen in Louth. We would like to work in unity to collect food donations on **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October** for our Harvest Festival celebrations this year. The Neighbour's Kitchen was born out of the first lockdown in March 2020 with a mission to feed our community hot, nutritious food daily, gifted to the most vulnerable. Our school Kindness Ambassadors' mission will be to create kindness cards to thank anyone for their kind donations.

So far, Paul and his team have served up thousands and thousands of nourishing meals for people who are struggling or facing really difficult times in our local community. Paul says, *"Many people find themselves in difficult circumstances more than ever, and it's humbling to realise how easily it could happen to all of us. For some it's age, or isolation, vulnerability due to mental health or financial pressure; for whatever reason we stand together and look after each other as neighbours."*

This incredible, ongoing mission has seen Paul awarded an MBE for his work and we could not be prouder to support The Neighbours Kitchen for another year. We know that times are really, really tricky at the moment, but if you can donate, **please bring any of the following items into school on the morning of Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October:**

- UHT milk
- Rice and pasta
- Tinned vegetables
- Cereal
- Coffee and tea
- Sugar
- Anything fresh (Paul says, *"the main thing when giving is put yourself in the shoes of someone who suddenly finds themselves in a crisis when thinking what to gift"*)
- Toiletries, shampoo, shower gel, sanitary products, toilet rolls, deodorant

Paul and his team will also be discussing their work with the children in a special assembly on this morning too. If you would like to find out more about The Neighbours Kitchen or support it further, please check out

<https://serendipityinitiative.co.uk/neighbours-kitchen/>.

Yours faithfully,

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