2nd October 2015

Dear Parent / Carer

**Home Learning Policy and Harvest Festival, Thursday 8th Oct, 11.00am**

At St Oswald’s we are absolutely committed to working in partnership with parents and we recognise the vital part that parents play in supporting children’s learning at home.

Attached to this letter you will find our school Home Learning Policy, which explains our whole-school approach to homework and gives details of the regular homework that is set for each age group. Staff and governors have reviewed and revised the policy, taking into account feedback we have received from parents and pupils.

I hope that this gives you a clear picture of what to expect and how you can help support your child. If you have any queries about specific homework, your child’s teacher will be happy to answer these.

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind you about our school Harvest Festival, which takes place on Thursday 8th October at 11.00am in St Oswald’s Church. Parents and carers are very welcome to attend. The service will be led by our Y3/4 pupils.

If you would like to donate a harvest gift, please send it in with your child on Thursday morning. Donations will be passed on to York Foodbank, which provides emergency food and support to local individuals and families in need. (Please see overleaf for a list of items requested by York Foodbank.)

Yours sincerely

Rupert Griffiths

If you would like to donate a harvest gift, here is a list of items requested by York Foodbank:

* Milk (UHT or powdered)
* Sugar (500g)
* Long life fruit juice
* Tins of Soup
* Pasta sauces
* Sponge pudding (tin)
* Tinned Vegetables
* Breakfast cereals
* Tinned Rice pudding
* Tea Bags
* Jar of instant coffee
* Instant mash potato
* 500gms Rice
* 500gms Pasta
* Tinned meat/fish
* Tinned fruit
* Jar of Jam
* Packets of biscuits
* Snacks

For more information about York Foodbank please visit [www.york.foodbank.org.uk](http://www.york.foodbank.org.uk)