



Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2025

Dear Reception Parents,

Happy New Year and welcome back to the Spring term.

This half term, we have pledged to support our local Food Bank. This will be linked to our current topics 'Not all superheroes wear capes' and 'People who help us'. As part of our work, we will be supporting Jackie from **Bounds Green Food Bank**.

Jackie will be coming into school to speak to the children on **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February**.

Sadly, over 13 million people live below the poverty line in the UK and the need for food banks is increasing. Last year, well over a million emergency food packages were given out to adults and children in need. The Food Bank offers help to local people in crisis, who are often referred by specialist agencies such as social services, GP surgeries, schools, care centres and probation teams.

When Jackie visits us, she will be bringing a donation box and we would be very grateful if your child could bring in any of the following to help with our collection for this worthwhile cause.

- In-date tinned and packaged food, including:
  - Cooking oil
  - Cereal
  - Sugar
  - Coffee
  - Tea
  - Cans of Meat & Fish
  - Tinned soup and vegetables
  - Cooking sauces & chopped tomatoes
  - Pasta
  - Rice
- Toothpaste
- Shampoo
- Household cleaners
- Washing powder
- Washing liquid
- Nappies
- Long life milk
- Toilet rolls

Unfortunately, the Food Bank is unable to store fresh or chilled items. Small packets and tins are preferred.

Many thanks in advance for anything you are able to give.

The Reception Team

