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**Value for this half term:** **Perseverance**

**Theme for this week** (30 October - 3 November 2023): **Persevering with the truth**

**Life Skills theme for the week:** **We can persevere to overcome obstacles**

### **Life in All its Fullness:**

As the period of 'Harvest' draws to a close, many churches last weekend celebrated with a service of Harvest Thanksgiving enabling communities to gather together to thank God for the wonders we share and to pray for those who work so hard to feed us.

In this world where there is so much hardship, where the scar of war blights Israel and Gaza, Ukraine and Russia, to name but a few, it is far too easy to forget how lucky we are: we live in relative safety, we have food in abundance and our nation is at peace. We have much to be grateful for each day, but we often pass up opportunities to show our gratitude and thank God. Harvest Thanksgiving is a time to reflect and to say thank you; it is also a chance to consider those whose needs may be far greater than ours, whilst their value to God is equal to ours. We can and should renew our commitment to helping the poor of this land, but also the poor beyond our shores. We have to be mindful that our gaze may be removed from the global poor when other economic concerns take central stage. Extreme poverty is a sharp wound and the cries of those in need must be heard as never before. So let's enjoy what we have and be grateful, but let us also keep central our core of compassion and fellow-feeling - as John Donne said, 'No man is an island', after all. Hopefully, our thanksgiving will be the thanksgiving which leads to a real concern for the needy. Freely have ye received, freely give.

### **Supporting charities:**

Thanks once again for supporting *Operation Christmas Child's* shoebox appeal last half-term. We are currently collecting donations of bags of sugar for the *Christmas School Sugar Collection*. Your kind donations are gratefully received by the charity, going to help the homeless and hungry, families in crisis, and those seeking refuge from domestic violence in East Anglia. Donations of sugar can be handed in at Reception and the deadline for donations is **Friday 8 December**.

### **Our Vision**

The Harleston Sancroft Academy is a community that flourishes, through God's love, to live

#### **'Life in All its Fullness'.**

(JOHN 10:10 AND JOHN 13:34).

We are a foundation of **Hope**; a family of **Love**; a school of nurture guided by **Faith**; promoting a unique, personalised journey towards excellence.

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In school, we are talking to students about the work of [The Trussell Trust](#), a very well-known anti-poverty charity which supports a network of food banks providing practical support to people who can't afford the essentials, and campaigns for a future where none of us need to use emergency food to get by. If you follow the link above, you can find additional information about local food banks, including a list of the top five most urgently required items (see right).



For our families who are struggling with the cost of living, please have a look at the information below:



### [Help with Living Costs - Winter 2023/24](#)

[Help with Living Costs - Winter 2023/24 Norfolk Assistance Scheme](#) can help you get support and financial assistance for food, energy, water, and other household essentials including white goods.

### **Congratulations:**

On a completely different note, we are delighted to share the news that The Harleston Sancroft Academy taekwondo contingent from *Black Belt Academy* have had a very successful time competing at the WTKA World Championships in Italy. Huge congratulations to Grand Master Richard Vince and to all involved. There will be more information in next week's newsletter - plus pictures posted on X / Twitter, of course.

### **Key dates for November:**

Friday 10 November: Remembrance events in school

Sunday 12 November: Harleston Remembrance Sunday Parade and Service

Tuesday 14 November: Class of '23 Year 11 Leavers' Celebration

Tuesday 21 November: rescheduled Year 7 Reading Evening - 17:00-18:00

**School website and X/Twitter:** The [school website](#) is a useful source of information. Please also visit the Harleston Sancroft Academy [X/Twitter feed](#) for photos and updates.

From The Trussell Trust's [prayer guide](#)

## A HARVEST PRAYER

Loving God, thank you for the many ways in which you provide for us:

Food, family, friendship,

Housing, health, happiness

And ways to use our time and talents.

We lift to you too the ways in which we remain in need of these things.

God of generosity, may your kingdom come.

Amen.

