



Harvest for the Homeless in Exeter

This week, we have had Lucy visit from St Petrock's in Exeter. She told the children about the people they support and explored with them why people find themselves homeless.

The children had a really good awareness of the issues facing people who are homeless and understood what may have happened in their lives which left them without a home.

For some children it came as a surprise that many homeless people may have previously been in the military, and this has been explored more in some classes.



In assembly, the children were able to unpack a typical rucksack for a homeless person - many of the items the children had been able to predict. This year, unlike previous years, St Petrock's are desperate for donations which can be handed out to their clients on the street. Because of Covid, they are unable to produce food communally as they would have before, so any food items need to be individually wrapped or packaged.

Examples of possible donations include

Drinks - eg Sugar, Coffee, Hot chocolate,
Long life milk, Squash
Dry goods - Individually wrapped biscuits,
Cereal bars, Biscuits

Tinned food - eg tomatoes, vegetables,
fruit, rice pudding, custard, tinned
meat/fish
Cleaning Items - eg anti bac soap, wet
wipes, washing powder, rubber gloves.

St Petrock's have also been given funding to set up a charity shop selling secondhand clothing, so they are looking for clothing donations, which are in good condition and can be sold on to the public to raise funds for the homeless in Exeter. If you have any items of good quality clothing that you could donate, please also let the school have these and we can pass them on to Lucy.