

CHANTRY COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: World Porridge Day – Friday 13th January 2017

Those of you who attended our Harvest Festival may remember me talking about World Porridge Day. This is a day in October that 'Mary's Meals' run to spread the word about how they support children abroad on a daily basis. Mary's Meals are now feeding children in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean. It celebrates the huge difference that a daily bowl of porridge can make to the lives of hungry children, many of whom come from families who have no food at home meaning that they rely on their daily school meal more than ever.

We are holding our own Porridge Day on Friday 13th January to give the children the experience of having a bowl of porridge – of course we don't expect it to be the only thing they eat that day but it may help them to realise how difficult life can be for children in developing countries. We will talk about the work 'Mary's Meals' do abroad and the benefit of one bowl of porridge to those children.

If you would like further information please see their website <u>www.marysmeals.org.uk</u>. We are not asking for a formal donation but if you would like to send the children in with some loose change to put into our collection we will forward this onto Marys Meals. It costs £12.20 on average to feed a child with Mary's Meals for a whole school year.

Thank you for supporting this event.

Yours sincerely,

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