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Dear Parents and Carers,

As you may be aware, our Global Learning focus this term has been Sustainable Development Goal 3: Good Health and Wellbeing. We had planned at the beginning of this term to do a Food Bank Collection for the Vale Panty to support a very worthy cause and to teach the children that food insecurity isn't something that only affects those living in countries far away from us, but is a concern for many families within our local community too.

Our latest BarneStorm has highlighted how amazing the school community around William Barnes has been at 'reaching out' to others this term, with the collection for the people of Ukraine, Comic Relief and Malala Day fundraising being a few of the highlights of the term.

We know that our families have been so generous this term and so we have decided to move this collection to the two weeks after the Easter Holidays- from Monday 25th April to Friday 7th May. There will be a box on a table outside the front office doors each morning and afterschool to collect the items and School Council will then sort the donations and take to the Vale Pantry with Mrs Gilham.

They are particularly looking for the following items at this time as they prepare to support Ukrainian refugees being relocated to the area, in addition to an unprecedented demand for their support from local families:

- Children's cereal
- Baked Beans
- Tomato Ketchup
- Toothpaste
- Deodorant
- Shower Gel



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Our Mission is to provide food, resources and services to any individual or family facing food insecurity. We value the dignity of all individuals and work to strive to promote their independence.

The Vale Pantry was set up in 2020 following a need identified through the local GP surgery, The Blackmore Vale Partnership. Run entirely with volunteers the Pantry offers memberships to any family who struggle financially and who have had to cut back on food in order to try and make ends meet. Members of the Pantry may visit once a week and pay £6 on each visit before choosing the food they would like for the week ahead. The variety of foods available include fresh fruit & veg, chilled and frozen produce including meats, fish, cheese etc., and store cupboard essentials. A typical weekly shop taken home is worth in the region of £25 - £50.

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