**Lower Peover Harvest 2024**

**KEY STAGE 2**

**ALL SONGS FROM OUT OF THE ARK COMBINED HARVEST**

**INTRODUCTION**

**Alfie:** Welcome to our Harvest Festival. We have come together to give thanks that all the crops have been safely gathered in from the fields. We are lucky because we have plenty to eat each day.

**Ellie:** Some of our food comes from other countries, like strawberries from Italy, coffee from Kenya and oranges from South Africa. We often take food for granted and so Harvest is a good time to stop and remember how fortunate we are.

**ALL OF KS2 WILL NOW SING, ‘HARVEST TIME IS HERE AGAIN’**

**(ALL OF KS2 TO SING TRACK 9)**

**Isla:** Fresh fruit and vegetables come in every colour under the rainbow. Our bodies grow best if we eat and drink as many natural colours as possible.

**Rory:** This is because different coloured foods have different vitamins in them.

**Megan:** Broccoli is a good source of Vitamin A.

**Jude:** Tomatoes are a good source of Vitamin B.

**Jess:** Oranges are a good source of Vitamin C.

**Freddie:** Mushrooms are a good source of Vitamin D.

**Nell:** Bananas are a good source of Vitamin E.

**Preston:** Make sure you eat your 5 a day!

**YEARS 3 & 4 WILL NOW SING, ‘EAT YOUR GREENS’ (TRACK 12)**

**Flossie:** Often Jesus told simple stories, called parables, with powerful messages beneath the surface. One of these was the story of the sower and the seeds. A farmer set off to sow some seeds on his land.

**Matthew:** He threw it in huge sweeps from the well-trodden path on which he was walking. Some seeds fell on rocky patches with just a thin covering of soil.

**Cici:** The plants grew quickly at first, but soon shrivelled up, because their short roots could not find enough water to protect them from the scorching sun.

**Oisin:** Shops and supermarkets offer an ever-growing range of food – there are hundreds of different kinds! Sometimes it can become harder to make healthy choices.

**Amelie:** If we choose too many sugary and fat foods we will not grow strong, healthy bodies. Although at first, like the seeds, we may shoot up quickly and seem to grow well, an unbalanced diet will make us weak and ill.

**Ewan:** Some seeds fell among the thorns. The thorns grew up and choked it, and produced no fruit.

**Abbie:** Although **we** have plenty to eat, many children in the world have little or nothing. They are hungry today and they will be hungry again tomorrow. These children are like the seeds which landed among the thorns.

**Elliott:** Millions of children do not have enough food to eat because of a shortage of water and a failure of harvests. The thorns are like the many obstacles which stop these children from growing up healthily. Many will not survive.

**Daisy:** Lastly, there were some seeds which were scattered and fell on the rich soil. These gave rise to thirty, sixty or a hundred times the crop.

**Max:** These seeds are like our bodies. The right fuel helps them to grow in a healthy way. To stay healthy, we need a balanced and varied diet.

**YEARS 5 & 6 WILL NOW SING, ‘WE’RE SO THANKFUL’ (TRACK 19)**

**Olivia:** Some people think that harvest is only about food. It is much more than that. At harvest we do say ‘thank you’ to God but we do it for many reasons. Some of the children will now come out and spell HARVEST.

**H stands for our HOMES.**

**Hugo K:** We thank God at harvest that we have homes. Homes that are warm and clean and comfortable. Homes where we can be part of a loving family.

**A stands for ALL**

**Lily:** At harvest we shouldn’t just think of ourselves. We should think of ALL people everywhere. We should think of those who have no homes, who cannot play because they are ill, of those who do not ever have enough to eat and of those who have no schools to go to.

**R stands for RECREATION**

**Will:** That’s a big word meaning play and games, holidays, having fun and enjoying yourself. We thank God at harvest that we can do these things.

**V stands for VEGETABLES**

**Lexy:** We may not like our vegetables, but we are lucky that we have lots to enjoy.

**E stands for EDUCATION**

**Harry:** We enjoy many things in our lives because of our education-because we can read and write and understand numbers. At harvest we thank God for our education and for all those who teach us.

**S stands for SHARE**

**Loki:** Many people in the word have barely enough to live on. The world must learn to SHARE with others.

**T stands for THANKS**

**Henry:** At harvest we come to say a big ‘thank you’ to God for all the wonderful things that he gives us-our homes, our recreation, our food and our education.

**HANDS TOGETHER, EYES CLOSED.**

**Prayer**

**Alana:** Loving Father,

 You give us so much-our food, our homes, our play and the love

Of those who care for us. Help us to remember that many people are hungry or homeless, have no schools or play. Help us to show

Them your love by caring for them. Amen

**THE WHOLE SCHOOL WILL NOW SING, ‘THANK YOU LORD’ (TRACK 13)**

**Dasha:**

The year has turned its circle,
The seasons come and go.
The harvest all is gathered in
And chilly north winds blow.
Orchards have shared their treasures,
The fields, their yellow grain,
So open wide the doorway—
Thanksgiving comes again!

**Hugo B:** We go out from this Harvest Festival with thankful hearts. May we continue to share joyfully and generously, in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.