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## Re: The Felix Project Food Donation

Dear Parents / Carers,

The children in Years 4, 5 and 6 would like your help to be a Force for Positive Change.

Year 4 have looked at the ever growing issue of homelessness and the increasing need of food banks, through their literacy topic of 'Mr Stink'.

Through their literacy text 'Street Child' and school theme of female empowerment, Year 5 have been looking at the suffragette movement and women's refuge.

And Year 6 have been looking at modern day slavery and how this affects everyday life.

Through our research, we discovered that 1.5 million adults in London struggle to afford to eat every day and 400,000 children are at risk of missing the next meal. Meanwhile, our food industry generates almost 2 million tonnes of good, edible surplus food each year.

There are many organisations that offer help to families that may need extra support to feed themselves and their families and this is always a high need over the Christmas period, but even more so during these financially difficult and unprecedented times.

As part of our topic to become a Force for Positive Change, we have teamed up with The Felix Project, Enfield. The Felix Project is a London-based food redistribution waste charity that rescue good, surplus food from the food industry that cannot be sold and would otherwise go to waste. This is high-quality and nutritious, including a high proportion of fresh fruit and vegetables, baked goods, salads, meat and fish. The Felix Project collect or receive food from over 450 suppliers, including supermarkets, wholesalers, farms, restaurants and delis. They then sort and deliver this food to over 400 front-line charities, primary schools and holiday programmes in London. That way, food that would have gone to waste is reaching vulnerable people, homeless, people with mental health or those who simply cannot afford to buy regular, healthy food.

As Felix Project primarily deals in surplus food from large organisations, they are often in dire need of nutritious store cupboard staples. This is where we need your help and support.

We are asking for donations of food items from as many of our Kingfisher families as possible. These donations will be collected by The Felix Project, then sorted and delivered to people who need it. If you can donate an item of food for this project, please hand in to your child's class teacher by **Tuesday 15th December**.

Items that can be donated are: pasta, rice, tins (chick peas, beans, lentils, tomatoes, soup etc.), tinned fish (tuna, sardines, mackerel), even some Christmas treats.

Thank you for helping our students to become a Force for Positive Change

