



Harvest Festival 2009 at the Old Vicarage

Harvest Festival is a celebration of bringing in the harvest. In communities who rely on farming this was a time when food was plentiful and the hard work of bringing in the crops was finished. To celebrate, villages organised parties with music and dancing. In modern times, Harvest Festival is an occasion when those who have plenty of food give gifts to the poor. This is done through shops where the poor are invited to fill one bag with donated food, which they can take away for free.

At the Old Vicarage we held a special Harvest Festival assembly. We all brought in gifts and each class made up a box of food which was brought into assembly. Mrs Linthwaite led us in a game where girls were asked to come to the front of the hall holding up pictures of various vegetables. Mrs Linthwaite directed each girl to stand either right, left or centrally. She then asked us to guess how she had divided up the girls. After a few wrong guesses, Mrs Linthwaite explained that all those on her left held pictures of vegetables that grow underground. Those on the right held pictures of overground vegetables. Those in the middle held pictures of vegetables that grow both over and underground. After the Harvest hymn we filtered out of the hall.

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