

FOOD FOR FAMILIES



Re-claim, Re-purpose, Re-educate

September 2024 Update

Hello to everyone! Hope you have had a good summer. We have been very busy and have lots of news to share since our last update in April. The 9th September sees us return to the kitchen for the Autumn/Winter term, after providing summer lunch hampers...more details below!

Join us for a christmas party

Before we start with our news and update let us invite you to our Ball.

Following the success of last year's fundraising ball, we have joined forces with Project Colt to host our Winter Sparkle Ball - a Christmas-themed ball.

We would love it if you would join us for a fun night out, all in aid of a good cause - there'll be a delicious Christmas-themed, 3-course meal, auction, raffle, singer and DJ.

Let us take the hassle out of arranging your Christmas do! Please join us - Use this link to book; <https://buytickets.at/foodforfamilies/1381163> or scan the QR code.

If you are unable to attend but wish to sponsor a table or donate a prize, please get in touch at food4families2023@gmail.com



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Our shiny, new kitchen

We thought the dreams of having our own, purpose built kitchen, were just that....but thanks to the hard work of Russell from Project Colt and his team, the 21st June saw the official opening of the Food For Families kitchen at Project Colt. We are thankful to St Thomas's Church, Greetland for allowing us to use their kitchen in the Parish Hall but it is lovely to be located in one place. Alongside the kitchen is our storeroom and freezers, so no more transferring equipment and supplies on a Sunday, allowing us to be more efficient. It took us a couple of times cooking in the new kitchen to get sorted and find our ways of working.



Charity Status



We are delighted to announce in July we received confirmation that our application to become a charity had been granted by the Charity Commission. Our new charity status will allow us to apply for grants and funding that would have been unavailable to us as a community group. We are thankful, as always, to our team of dedicated volunteers who work tirelessly to support our mission and thanks to Future Kraft for their support and guidance with the application process.

Summer Hampers

Following the success and feedback from last year's Christmas hampers, we decided to provide hampers over the 6-week, school summer holidays to our 35 families. School holidays are a difficult and worrying time for families struggling to make food budgets stretch. The hampers contained store-cupboard items and then each week fresh food bags were given out so families could make 4 meals a week according to our summer lunch menu. As usual extra goodies were also given each week. Meals included hot dogs, corned beef hash, chicken satay, cous cous, pie and pasta. We tried to introduce new meals and improve confidence choosing meals that were easy to make and tasty. Feedback from the families suggests they enjoyed the selection and variety of the meals, they were easy to make and it helped with their food budgets.

To help ease the boredom over the holidays, we asked people to donate activity and colouring books, these were given out in the holidays and were well received. This is something we would love to be able to do again.



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OVER THE SUMMER
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A nice surprise



Lesley received a call out of the blue in May to say FFF had won £5000! Not a call you get everyday!

The call was from the Co-op community charity project prize draw called "The winners share it all". This is a project for local community groups and charities. Food For Families had been nominated by a local person at the Greetland Co-op and had amazingly won £5000!

This will go such a long way and allow us to provide so much more to the local community. We are extremely grateful to the person who nominated, although they still remain anonymous!

The next few months.....

October - Project Colt and FFF will host a 'Veterans Tea' ahead of the Remembrance services this year. A knitted poppy display will adorn the front of the Colt building.

Coffee and Cake - FFF will be providing delicious cakes for Rusty's Coffee Club, Project Colt.

October to January 25 - FFF will feature in 7 Tesco stores for the Stronger Starts project. Customers vote, using little blue tokens, for a community initiative giving us the chance to win up to £1,500 to support our school holiday hampers.

Let's Cook! Cooking School is taking shape with the first sessions being planned. We are also working with social services to deliver sessions to their young people, highlighting shopping, budgeting and cooking basics.

6 Schools - we continue to support our 35 families at 6 local primary schools. before the summer holidays we had cooked 6823 meals since Feb 23!

