

Dear Families,

Please join us on Saturday 7th March between 10am and 2pm for the SBS Grounds Day to spruce, clean and prepare the school grounds for spring. All are welcome, no matter what your skills - there will be plenty of jobs to get involved with. Come along at any time, it doesn't matter for how long – all help is appreciated. Tea and coffee (and maybe some treats) will be provided for the hard-working volunteers, but we will not be providing lunch, so please bring your own. Please also ensure you are wearing suitable clothing/footwear. Don't forget to bring with you any gardening tools (gloves, trowels, secateurs etc) that you have!

Children can come and help too, although they will be the sole responsibility of parents, and will be expected to help out.

Things we will be working on:

- Willow dome - removal of plastic tree guards; finish weaving and cutting back stems. Cut stems can be used to build up leaf mulch bin in Woodland School area.
- Compost bins - turn over / aerate compost. Add in ripped up newspaper / egg cartons.
- Raised beds - weeded and tidied up. Repair to wooden boards – some fallen off.
- Fruit cage - door needs fixing, raised beds need fixing and weeding. Fruit plants (red/black currents) need pruning. New layer of bark chippings needed on ground.
- Hedgerow behind fruit cage and chicken hutch need cutting back – brambles. Currently difficult to access water tap.
- Chicken coop needs a tidy – cleanout coop / dig over the ground.
- Chicken storage shed and bins need a tidy / sort. Bin full of wet chicken feed left out in rain needs removing!
- Tyre planters need weeding / new plant – wildflowers / native varieties.
- Compost bin nearest to garden gate needs compost emptying onto raised beds and removing.
- Create a small minibeast investigation area in garden – log piles.
- Ideas for old rabbit hutch and run? - hutch needs clean out / or removed. Old food.

As well as the all-important gardening tools we also need newspaper / shredded paper / empty egg cartons for the compost bins; hammer & nails to repair the wooden raised beds; mixed logs/branches for the minibeast garden; and wood chippings for the fruit cage.

We look forward to welcoming lots of the school community to the day and making the school grounds shine in time for the sun to hopefully return.

Thank you for your help.

