

11th March 2024

The Orchard & Nature Garden – Tree and Hedgerow Planting

Dear Parents/Carer,

WE NEED YOUR HELP:

We are excited to tell you that we successfully gained a grant for 8 fruit trees and 100 hedgerow whips to plant in the school and community orchard. The children have planned how they would like to develop the area between the school playground and park which currently has the willow structure to create a school and community orchard and nature garden. The garden will have 8 fruit trees, the willow structure, a hedgerow, small amphibian pool, wild flowers and seating areas which will improve biodiversity of the area and create a space for the children and the community to connect with and enjoy nature. The trees can be harvested in Autumn for cooking activities in school and the area will be used for lots of learning such as science and geography.

The tree planting will take place on **Thursday 21st March at 1pm** and we need adult volunteers to help the children dig the soil, lay mulch and plant 8/9 fruit trees and 100 hedgerow whips.

We need:

- **Spades and forks – to prepare the ground and dig the holes**
- **Gardening gloves – for adults and children to wear**
- **Mulch – to go at the base of each tree. This will improve the chance of tree survival with increasingly drier springs and summers – please let us know if you can bring a load.**

If you have any questions or can supply the mulch, please get in touch with me. If you can spare 1-2 hours to help plant then please just arrive at 1pm on Thursday 21st March.

Many thanks in advance,

Miss Wragg



Where a love of learning grows
Growing in knowledge
Growing in faith
Growing in God's love
Philippians 4:13 **"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me"**

