

Our Wildlife Garden - September '23

Dear Parents,

You have probably noticed that over the summer our front garden was completely cleared of many shrubs and trees to create a blank canvas for our wildlife garden.

Our plan is to create a wildlife habitat full of plants for bees, birds and other mini-beasts, a wildlife pond, shelters for hedgehogs to hibernate in, a bug hotel, log piles for bugs and bird boxes and feeders.

We think this garden will enhance our school environment, create an extra learning space and involve the children in a very worthwhile project.

We would like your help to find the plants that we need. You can help us by making a donation to the wildlife garden project or by donating plants which you have bought or taken from your own garden. Some of you may wish to make a donation towards one of the bigger plants, like the Crab Apple tree or towards other materials like wood for bird boxes. All donations will be very gratefully received.

Here is a list of plants that we would like to include:

<u>Trees</u>

Crab apple for blossom and fruit

Hawthorn

Amelancier

<u>Shrubs</u>

Berberis – berries for birds

Forsythia

Shrub roses - for the flowers and hips, roses must have an open flower to be helpful to pollinators

Pollinator - friendly plants

Hardy geraniums

Heather

Scabius

Sea holly Lavender Honesty Nepeta Achillea Clematis montana - growing through railings Honeysuckle- growing through railings Borage - for bees Asters (Michaelmas daisies) Yarrow Foxglove (no hazard to children as access is supervised) Marigold Nettles Ajuga - for bees Verbena Bulbs Daffodils Tulips Crocus

Allium

We would like to start planting in the week of October 16th and so it would be very helpful if you could send in your plants in the week before (9th - 13th October).

Donations of money can be sent in at any time but please put them in a labelled envelope.

Thank you for your continued support in all that we do. If you have any queries, please email me or Ms Daniel on the emails below.

Best wishes,

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