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Dear Parents

YOUR CHILDREN'S NATURE GARDEN NEEDS YOU!

As you may be aware, we are currently developing the paddock into a nature garden to support the teaching of Science and numerous other subjects across the curriculum. The developed nature garden will also give your children an area in which they can explore all the delights that nature has to offer.

So far we have put in a willow igloo and, thanks to the generosity of Mr Simms, Mr Solley and Mr Overy, have pallets of wood ready to build a bug hotel and logs for sitting around a camp fire. However, we have even bigger plans to utilise the area's full potential. To ensure the children experience ownership of the area, I would like them to feel part of the transformation and on Saturday 21st April 2018 (the first Saturday back after Easter holidays) we are looking to set up a working party to help prepare the area for its new use. We will be opening the school to allow access to the nature garden between 9am - 12pm.

If you and your children are free, it would be appreciated if you could pop down between 9am-12pm to help us clear brambles, install sunken logs and turn soil to prepare it for seeding. If you are able to help, please bring a spade/fork/gardening gloves/secateurs with you, as we will not be able to provide equipment for everybody. We intend to provide free refreshments for all those who volunteer and we will keep spirits high by handing out hot dogs too - either cooked on the BBQ or, if we make good time, over the new fire pit.

You are responsible for your own children's supervision on this morning; please do not send children without an accompanying adult.

It should prove to be an enjoyable morning as well as an excellent way to working off some calories after Easter!

Yours sincerely

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Year 4 teacher