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Dear Parents and Carers,

Autumn Term 2022 - Grounds Day

On **Monday 10th October**, we will be asking children to come into school in their gardening gear for our Autumn School Grounds Day.

During the day, children will be weeding, tidying and planting ready for the colder months and preparing for spring. Additionally, they will be learning about our local environment and its animals, creatures, plants and trees.

For the day, children should come to school in warm clothing that they wouldn't mind getting dirty - very similar to Forest School gear. If they have a small hand trowel or fork that they would like to use in school they can bring them into class but we ask that they are named so we can make sure they go home with the correct person. Children may also bring in a pair of named gardening gloves.

If possible it would be lovely for children to bring something in over the next week that they could plant on our grounds day; ideally winter bedding plants or bulbs.

It would be lovely to have some parents and carers join us on our School Grounds Day. If you would like to help with some weeding or planting and can spare some time, please speak with your child's teacher and they will be able to let you know when the best time to come in would be.

We do have some bigger jobs that it would be amazing if we could have some help with:

- The removal of some older planters - they would need emptying and dismantling.
- Do you have a petrol strimmer and can spare an hour? It would be great if we could trim back the area by our tree line so we can prepare it for next year.
- Fixing our sandpit - we want to waterproof our sandpit so that we can use it all year round.
- Trimming our willow dome - it has become a little unruly and needs a tidy.

We promise to keep any helpers on the day well looked after with plenty of cups of tea and plenty of biscuits!

Grounds Days are always a fun day in school and result in a shared sense of pride in our school and in our hard work on the day. We are looking forward to getting stuck in!

If you would like to help or you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Mr King

