

March 2019

Dear Parent/Carer

Etonbury Afterschool Gardening Club

Our successful after school gardening club takes place on Thursday evenings from 3.30 – 4.30pm, **this could also include certain lunchtimes during the school week dependent upon the weather. All years are welcome to join us, and we always welcome adult helpers.**

We have a garden/allotment within the environmental area that also encompasses a Poly Tunnel for growing crops. We are hoping to get this up and running in the next few weeks with help from pupils that are interested. There are dedicated growing areas on raised beds which have proved to be very successful and productive over the summer and autumn months. It would be beneficial if your child could bring a pair of wellingtons. A wet weather jacket is also recommended. All other materials and clothing will be provided i.e. gloves etc.

We will be working with vegetables, flowers and herbs, growing these from seed and watching the development of each plant to maturity. We will then hopefully be looking at how these can then be used in cooking and possibly selling the produce!

We spend time in the wildlife pond area, and are starting to develop this along with the farm personnel. This will involve a certain amount of cutting back and pruning bushes around the pond and garden areas and would welcome any help and much needed knowledge in any of these areas.

If you would like to join us and help on a regular or occasional basis please contact me via email on bkirkman@bestacademies.org.uk or via the school office on 01462 730391. Parent and community help has proved to be a very valued resource and without 'outside help' this exciting area could not have been developed to the standard we now have.

Please return the Google Form (link below) and indicate if your child has any Medical/allergy details that would be relevant to working outdoors or in a Craft environment. You should indicate the travelling/collection arrangements for your child.

<https://goo.gl/forms/8ahO8e4qNKi4uNtj2>

Yours sincerely

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