**Year 5 Roots and Shoots Programme Updates**

Wednesday 28thMarch 2018.

Dear Parents/ Legal Guardians,

Just a reminder -

The next sessions at Alnwick Gardens are-

Tuesday 24th April

Tuesday 19th June

25th September – Celebratory Event

There will also be an in-school event on Friday May 11th. Further details to follow.

The normal beginning and end of the day arrangements will resume.

We will be using school and PTA funding to cover the costs of transport.

Children who have a school meal will be provided with a packed lunch.

School Uniform to be worn (trousers may be more suitable as we will spend part of the session gardening). Please make sure that children wear a coat and also have a change of shoes (school shoes for the indoor session and wellingtons or old trainers for the outdoor session).

If your child has a watch please could they wear it as during lunchtime they will be given an allocated time to have their break with their group within permitted boundaries of the Gardens following clear rules set by myself. This is fully risk assessed and is an important part of our on-going commitment to preparing your child for their upcoming residential at DukeshouseWood and Secondary School as well as maintaining a sense of safe independence that would be expected of Year pupils if they had attended a Middle School.

**Design a Scarecrow**

We have been asked to design and make our own scarecrow. Alongside the usual reading, times tables and spellings practice during the holidays please could the children begin to think of their own designs. They can make sketches and plans. A resource list would also be helpful.

Kind Regards,

Belinda Athey – Year 5 Class Teacher and Headteacher