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**Year 6 Roots and Shoots Activity**

Wednesday 2nd February 2022.

Dear Parents/ Legal Guardians,

Way back when the children were in Year 3, I applied for the Year 3 group to be involved in the Alnwick Gardens, Roots and Shoots programme as our Year 5's a few years ago really enjoyed being part of this.

At the time the children were chosen to take part in the Alnwick Gardens Roots and Shoots sessions. However, unfortunately due to the COVID 19 pandemic all projects have been suspended.

We have been approached to see if we are still interested and Mr Charlton and I really feel that this will be a beneficial and enjoyable project for the children to take part in now they are in Year 6.

The children will learn about healthy lifestyle choices including growing their own fresh food at Alnwick Gardens.

There will be 3 sessions across this school year and a celebration event in September (this may need to be changed slightly as they will be at DCHS at this time but is something we can look into).

The dates planned for Year 6 are:

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April – Session 1

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May – Session 2

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May – this will be an outreach visit where staff come to school to help plant salad crops etc.

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July – Session 3

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

The children in Year 6 have not had a trip in a long time so school will cover the costs of transport and the project itself is provided through the funding application we made.

All children will need to bring a packed lunch (If your child is Pupil Premium Free School Meals a packed lunch provided by school can be provided. Please let the office know before the February half term holiday if this is the case).

School Uniform to be worn but the children might prefer to wear their PE hoodie and joggers. Please make sure that children wear a coat. Wellingtons and a change of shoes are needed as we will be tending to our own garden plot and can get muddy!

We also like to provide the children with a sense of independence and some free time in the gardens will be allowed to the children **if we feel they are able to safely manage this**, and we will review this on a session-by-session basis depending on the maturity and readiness of the children. We found that last time this was an invaluable way of preparing our Year 5 children for the greater freedoms given at DCHS and it worked extremely well. Therefore, we would ask them to wear a basic watch for these sessions.

I will be responsible for taking the children supported by Mrs Morris and Mr Charlton will be in school teaching the Year 5 children during these dates so if you have any further queries please do not hesitate to get in touch with me

Kind Regards,  
Belinda Athey –Headteacher

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