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Dear Parents / Carers,

Firstly, I would like to say a huge thank you those of you who completed the volunteering form, which went out last term, offering your free time to come into school and help out in a number of different ways. We are in the process of contacting everyone and putting together a plan in how to use your time most productively over this academic year.

We have however also already started putting the wheels in motion for a number of new projects as a result of this, one of which sees St John's starting its first gardening and wildlife lunch time club, ran solely by two parents. The club will run on Friday lunch times and children will rotate every half term in order to allow the maximum amount of children to be involved as possible.

To help us get things off the ground, a group of parents came in and volunteered on Tuesday this week, by clearing the garden area so that the children had a clear base to work on. I would like to say a huge thank you to those individuals who gave up their time to help. To support the gardening and wildlife club further, it would be ideal to any of you could donate any of the following:

For wildlife habitat building projects:

Largish sticks

Small terracotta pots

Roof slates / tiles

Small twigs

Bamboo canes

Large stones/pebbles

For the raised beds:

If anyone uses Hello Fresh / Gusto, the fresh food arrives in sheepskin insulation bags. It would be great to collect as many as possible to insulate the raised beds, which are metal and need insulating to avoid overheating.

If you do have any of these items to donate, please leave them with Richard or myself at the school gate either first thing on the morning or at the end of the day.

Thank you for your continued support.

Best wishes,

Mrs Hodgson

Acting Head of School

