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## Operation We Love Our Space

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Here is a quick update on the development of our school field. We have completed the survey with children to think about what they would like, met with parents/ carers, and secured some funding from Magenta Living. Our Adult Learning Group have completed their gardening course and are raring to get going. We had a meeting with HYPE and our landscape team last week and have some amazing plans.



### Growing & Nature Area

We are having some raised planters made for the area to start our community and school growing areas. Our OWLS group are excited to start growing carrots for the rabbits and attracting some new species of butterflies. The order has gone in for an outdoor nature surveillance camera and some hedgehog

homes. We have also had some quotes for an outside classroom and will keep you updated. Our application to become a project school for Chester Zoo has gone in and we are keeping our fingers crossed that the Rangers will be able to come and work with all classes.



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Bringing Learning to Life

## Sport

Children had their first Cross Country session last Friday and with 40 children registered, we are looking to see the progress the children can make over the next 4 months. The bike track has been measured and is marked out. Funding has been secured through Youth Investment Fund for a year 6 After School Bike Club that will start after Easter, Miss Roti will write to you with more information. Far right corner of the field, size 16m x 42m is suitable for Sports Day and two small 5-a-side football pitches. This area is currently being marked out and the ground prepped.

## Big Dig Day

Our Big Dig Day originally planned for this Saturday has been rescheduled for Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May 10am till 2pm, when we hope that the weather will be better. Our hope is that our planters will be in place by then and the areas defined and ready to be dug and planted up.



## Sport Relief 23<sup>rd</sup> March

The field will be used by all children this Friday. We will challenge all children from year 1 to 6 to run the perimeter of the field (and teachers). We are going to time individuals and classes to encourage teamwork and competitiveness but also measure their fitness levels. It is our hope that as the ground dries, this will be done weekly with class teachers to engage all pupils.

## Funding

We have applied for additional funding from Awards for All and are eagerly awaiting a response. Projects like this take time and need a lot of commitment and money investing in them. If you are able to help, please let us know. We are also looking for local businesses who may be able to sponsor the project or provide us with some materials that we may need, if you know of anyone. Our School Council will be holding a Cake & Toy sale on the last day of term, Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March on Key Stage One playground at the end of the day, please show your support and help us raise some money.

## OWLS & Curriculum

The children meet once a week and are being led by Miss Gouldson. They have such exciting plans and are keen to get started. We would like every child in school to be involved in this project and the future use of the field. We are having our staff training day after Easter to look at the curriculum we deliver in all year groups and will plan in opportunities throughout the year for the children to grow and explore our Eastway Space!