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## November Newsletter #2

Dear Parents

This newsletter is just to give you an update on the recent works that have taken place on our school grounds. As you may remember I organised a day at the start of the month as an Autumn clean / dig day. It was a major success! We are all so proud and grateful to everyone who generously gave over some of their weekend time. It was a really enjoyable, community spirited, pizza, tea coffee cake fuelled day! Productive and tiring!

I would like to thank all the parents (their children), staff, governors and members of our local community (Mrs Collins, Mr Besly and Mr Hall) who were all 'mucking in' – literally in some cases. We'd also like to pass on our sincerest gratitude to Richardsons Decorators (Paint), Corhampton Farm (heavy machinery), Sydenhams (wood for the raised beds on the school allotment) and Mr Simon Banham and Aztec Construction (heavy machinery and manpower) for their generous support.



5 main zones covered on the day.

- 1.) Repainted parts of the boys and girls toilets and the lobby area outside the toilets. Repainted all the woodwork and walls in the year 5/6 corridor outside Soberton and Newtown bases (this 6 people all day 9-3pm).
- 2.) Removed 3 brick planters and removed soil. Moved 2 trees to front of school. Huge 6/7 hour task needing muscle and machinery. Two skips worth of hardcore and bricks!!
- 3.) Front of school – replanted 2 trees from the aforementioned planters after removing unfriendly hawthorn. Used heavy machinery to dig out hawthorn and an invasive bamboo plant. Weeded whole of shrubs at the front of school.
- 4.) Tamed the school grounds! Cleared all the brambles from the sewage compound. Major trim and restyle (trumpesque style combover) of willow dome.  
Cut back and trimmed all bushes, shrubs and trees that were encroaching into our school boundaries. Completely cut back all plants in quiet area. Burned the above!



5.) Attended to the school allotment plot. Repaired and rebuilt raised beds. Weeded and prepped ready for the winter.



All I can say, from the governors, all the school staff and our children, is thank you! Thank you so much to all who helped - you make a difference. You may not be pictured but we know who you are!

Best wishes

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Matthew Dampier'.

Matthew Dampier  
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