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## **Droxford Junior School - Autumn Dig Day Saturday 16th October - anytime between 9 -3**

The next phase for the school grounds development (after installing the natural play area) needs some parent support and muscle power. If you are available anytime between 9 and 3pm on Saturday 16th October (and yes you can drop in and out anytime that suits you) and are willing to do some weeding, digging, chopping or even a bit of wall painting in school then we would be most grateful.

These events have been so successful in the past: a lovely way to catch up with people and meet new parents and help the school in a very community spirited way. Myself and Mr Vardy will be in attendance all day including cooking and serving up lunch (see below)!

Children are more than welcome to attend if that helps with child-care and we can cater for them in terms of entertainment.

**Lunch will be provided (midday) - free pizza (inc. vegetarian option), salad, coleslaw and cake. Tea, coffee, squash and biscuits will also be provided to keep people hydrated and happy.**

### Tasks

- Tame the very wild, 'wild area' in the bottom corner of the field
- Establish a mulch path in that area
- Build new (pallet) wildlife hotels
- Dig a fresh area for establishing a nature corridor
- Weeding areas of the school grounds
- Painting in school (potentially the staff room, the lunch servery by the kitchen [in the afternoon] and / or a couple of other sites in school)
- Attending to the school allotment which will need some TLC.
- Establish a tree stump circle



### Can you help with supplying...

- Lots of bark mulch for the pathway
- Materials for pallet wildlife hotels (we have the pallets)
- The use (including operator) of a mini digger to help with digging out established weeds and also the nature corridor (by removing a long line of turf)
- Supplying hardwood tree stumps to sit on in a circle as an outdoor classroom and occasional fire pit area.



We will also have Mick Giles on site who will have an outdoor wood workshop set up. Mick will show children how to make bird boxes for home or the school grounds; he will also sell kits - cheaply (bring cash not a card) and teach everyone and anyone interested about woodwork skills and what he does at his workshop.

If we are lucky we may have members of the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust on board to advise and guide. Please bring any of your tools or equipment you will feel will help on the day if you like – we do have a limited amount here.

So that I can organise food and establish what can be achieved - please let the school office know if you intend to join us, what you would like to help with, how many of you and the timings.

Thank you so much in advance.

Mr Dampier  
Headteacher

