

St Barnabas Bulletin

Aspire, Believe-Together Achieve



We will continue to use the "No Dig" method for our second bed.

No-dig gardening cares for soil by cutting out the need for cultivation. So put away your spade, and gain the benefits of improved soil health that will allow all your plants to thrive. No-dig growing is often less work and can benefit the environment.



All volunteers, children, neighbours and family members are welcome to come and help us create something amazing for our local community.





Thank you to the small group who met yesterday to discuss the next steps for our "Neighbourhood Allotment".

Agenda:

1. Pupil Involvement:

- During the summer months a staff member to facilitate a "watering lunchtime club". Children to have responsibility for watering the allotment regularly.
- Allotment volunteers and a member of staff to run a Thursday afternoon enrichment group helping with planting, weeding and watering.
- During busier times of the year whole classes to support harvesting and planting.

2. Planning what to grow:

- Allotment volunteers to create a seed calendar.
- Volunteers to start bringing things on from seed ready for planting.
- Suggestions to plant—potatoes, cucumbers, tomatoes, strawberries, pumpkins.

3. Do we create a second bed?

- Everyone agreed we needed more space.
- This bed to be created on first working party day.
- Resources needed: large, flat cardboard boxes, mulch, manure.

4. Funding possibilities

- Allotment volunteers to investigate funding streams—any suggestions welcomed.
- Appeal for help with completing funding applications.

5. Working Party Days

- **Sunday 17th March 10.30am**—create watering system, tidy up first bed and lay second bed.
- Sunday 21st April 10.30am—Possible planting day.