



School Garden Project

September 2017

Dear Parents

Last academic year, I completed lots of additional work supporting other Head Teachers across our region. This consultancy work has built up a pot of money, and instead of taking this money as additional salary, we are going to use it to create a learning garden for the children.

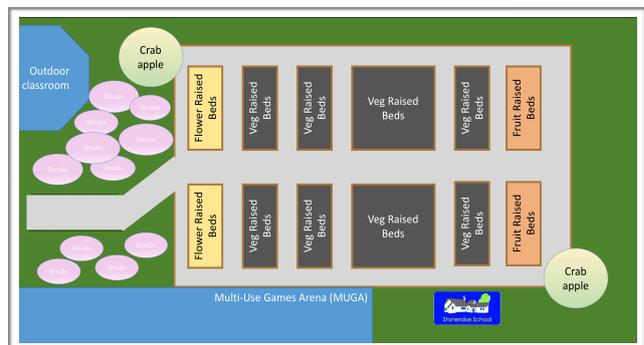
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The aim is simple; to create an outdoor learning space where the children will grow vegetables, fruit, flowers and shrubs to compliment our science curriculum. Although we start with a blank piece of grass, the aim is for every child in school to grow and plant something this year to create a productive learning garden.

Garden Plan.

The design of the Garden offers an easy gardening space to teach in, and maximises the space. A raised bed design is needed, as the strong root system from the hedge makes the area very dry.

Raised beds also warm up earlier in spring time, which will be essential as we want to crop before the summer holidays. A final bonus of this design will be that raised beds will also stop children standing on the soil and compacting it! Strong and robust hard landscaping materials, should add longevity to the garden.



Keeping you updated

We have created a web page on our website - <https://www.stoneraise.co.uk/schoolgardenproject> - where we will update you regularly with photos and information. We will also be sending out regular newsletters this year throughout this project.

Working with the RHS

School will be working alongside the Royal Horticultural Society (RHS) and following their advice and guidance throughout this project, to ensure we maximise the learning potential for our pupils.

The plans sound good and exciting. Before we can do any gardening, we need to do all the hard landscaping during September to ensure we can start planting some bits and pieces during the Autumn.

Happy gardening!
Mr. Coady