

# **Cheapside C. of E. Primary School**

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Dear Parents

## **Re. Cheapside Allotments**

We are very pleased to inform you that we will be working in partnership with Cheapside Pre School on an allotment patch. We are keen to promote links with the Pre-School and hope that our children will benefit from the experience of working on the allotment whilst helping and supporting the younger pre-school children.

Children will be visiting the allotment twice a week commencing next week if we have sufficient parental support. We will be clearing and weeding the patch to begin with and then planting and maintaining the patch for the rest of this term. We are viewing this arrangement as a long term project and foresee that we will continue to visit the allotment on a regular basis throughout the year.

Each week children will be selected from different year groups to spend an afternoon up at the allotments. Children from Year 6, Year 4 and Year 2 will visit on a Wednesday afternoon from 1:15 pm - 2:45 pm and children from Year 5, Year 3, and Year 1 will visit on a Thursday afternoon from 1:15pm - 2:45 pm. There will be a maximum of 6 children visiting each afternoon, so 2 children from each stated year group. Children in Reception will visit as a year group during the second half of the summer term.

In order to support this project we are asking parents with a current school DBS check to volunteer on a rota basis to supervise and support the 8 children visiting the allotment.

The staff from the pre-school will be supervising their own children and staff from the pre-school will be managing the overall planning of what needs to be done each week. Your role would be to spend the afternoon with the 8 children at the allotment, supervising and supporting their work on the allotment and encouraging the children to help and support the younger pre-school children.

There is an allotment rota in the office and we ask that you call into the office and sign your name up against any dates you can help.

Please do not assume that we have enough offers of help as without sufficient parental support we may not be able to sustain this arrangement. You do not need to offer your time on a regular basis, and can do as many sessions as you are able but we do really need as many parents as possible to help make this a really successful venture for all the children.

If you are unable to commit any time to help with the allotment but would like to support this venture then we are also seeking donations of plant seeds and bulbs to plant and grow at the allotment.

Any donations will be gratefully received at the office.

With thanks.

Yours sincerely

**Mrs C Summers**  
**Allotment Co-ordinator**