

## **Spring Dig**

### **Overview**

In the past we have had a thriving gardening group whose members have been happy to give up a Saturday from time to time to tidy up the grounds and do some planting but that has now disbanded so we have run more informal dig days where parents and children simply come along on a Saturday with some garden tools and help weed, plant and prune in exchange for some refreshments.

### **Examples of work done**

Previous digs have involved

- clearances of the infant's playground, pruning back large shrubs on the banks and clearing out areas of weeds and overgrown plants. A gardener has been employed to do some tree work, pruning out dead branches and overhanging branches.
- clearing a section of the nursery garden to create a new organic vegetable garden. This took a full day with the help of 25 volunteering parents. The work in the organic garden is ongoing.

### **Getting organised**

Discuss the aim of the dig with Coleridge Families and the Head Teacher.

Plan what you would like to achieve at each dig, perhaps canvassing opinions from parents through notices. Send fliers out 2 weeks before a dig setting out the day's plan and ask for volunteers and any last minute suggestions. Donations of plants, soil etc welcomed. Consider organising a crèche in the Hall if that will encourage more parents to come along. Bring your own garden tools. Tell Shirley well in advance to book the day; it's usually done on a Saturday morning.

### **Feedback**

(Please remember to email your class rep coordinator/s with any changes you think need to be incorporated in this information to keep this chapter updated for the next set of reps).