

Too Good to be True

Royal Horticultural Society

'Gardening in school boosts child development, teaches life skills and makes children healthier and happier.'

Nazca Lines..?

The Veg Patch Reporter



The sudden appearance of chalk markings on the school grounds, and the overnight movement of the raised beds and greenhouse has created a bit of a twitter. One witness said 'It's a blatant act of vandalism,' while another said 'The lines have clearly been drawn by aliens.'

We sent in our best undercover reporter who has discovered that these lines do indeed mark out the plans for a new garden, so that the children who attend St Peter's First School can grow their own fruit and vegetables.

So there you have it folks, hot off the press, **mystery solved**. All we have to do now is wait and see how these flat lines take shape...

Great oaks

14th century proverb

From little acorns grow. Well that's what we're hoping!

Now that the garden plans have been drawn it's time to put on the gloves, pick up the tools and get cracking...

First Edition Special Offer

Green Gym Membership

Absolutely *Free*

Contact The Veg Patch Team

Wednesdays are Wonderful

The Veg Patch Reporter

With a newly organised Veg Patch Rota (starting this month) every child at St Peter's First School will have the opportunity to help develop The Veg Patch.

"What more could the children want" one Alton Resident was heard to say "Out in the fresh air, gardening and creating, we never had it as good as that when we were at school."

It's true the children will be able to join in with a wide variety of activities, all aimed at making the garden sustainable.

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News Flash

Money Doesn't Grow on Trees



So instead we've put together a Fundraising Plan for the year, to ensure the garden's sustainability. This will

hopefully include:

➤ The Veg Patch Stall:

- *Wednesday Afternoons and also at:*
 - Alton Summer Fete
 - Alton Open Gardens
 - Alton Apple Day

➤ Grant Applications

➤ A Summertime Strawberries & Cream Event

➤ Summer Holiday Rent a Container Scheme

➤ Flower Bulb Campaign

➤ Natural Christmas Decoration Sales

Desperately Seeking Topsoil

If you happen to know of any good quality topsoil that needs a new home let us know.

Wednesdays are Wonderful

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Working in groups of four, the children will spend half an hour in the garden. Each session will include:

Activity	Description
Circle Time	Short Introductions to Today's Activities Garden Safety/ Tool Distribution
Gardening Time OR Making Time	Sowing/Planting/ Harvesting and Garden Tasks (Weeding Game) OR Nature and Art /Garden Creative Session (this is dependent on the season/weather)
Circle Time	Tool Collection Summary of Today's activities

Jumping January 2017

Activities in the garden this January will be a bit different from next year as we try to set up the garden. However, this month we will hope to:

- Make bird feeders and a bird feeding station
- Take part in the Big School's Birdwatch (RSPB)
- Sow some indoor plants
- Set up the Veg Patch Stall

If you go down to the woods today...



Please look out for some hazel sticks.

We could do with lots of really tall ones to support our plants and make some arch ways.

Thank You!

Wishful Thinking...

A very **BIG** ask, but we've got our fingers and toes crossed that you may have some really useful things abandoned in your garden/shed that you'd be willing to donate:

- Containers: Any large garden pots; Old large wicker baskets (e.g. laundry); Old car tyres (great for potato growing); Hanging baskets...
- Tools: Large Yard Broom, Child Sized Wheelbarrow, Compost Bin (round plastic, with lid)
- A Gazebo
- Child's Art Easel with Chalk Board

Anything else you think may be useful...?

Coming Soon:



The Veg Patch Stall

Wednesday Afternoons
3.15pm

Hot Drinks

Garden Produce / Garden Gifts

[Don't forget to bring some pocket money]

Many Hands

Make Light Work: If you enjoy gardening, or think you can help with a fundraising activity, we'd love to hear from you. We're really hoping this garden can be a community venture, something that everyone can enjoy for a long time together. Please don't hesitate to contact The Veg Patch Team:

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