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Dear Parents,

FOREST FOR OUR CHILDREN/ SEED TO TREE PROGRAMME

This weekend volunteers from the 'Forest For Our Children' group, Adrian Walters, Wendy Harris, Cliff Cooper, Elizabeth Clark and Grenville Clark had a successful if rather wet session clearing the area around our school tree nursery. It is hoped that by pruning the trees and clearing back some of the bushes that more light will be able to get through to the saplings that the children have grown from seeds. As a school we are very grateful for the support from the FOC group in helping us to run the Seed To Tree initiative, which the children love.



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Elizabeth has written the following piece so that you are aware about some of the background of the seed to tree initiative and ongoing work:

'The School Tree Nursery has been used for many years to growing trees and shrubs which are transferred to Golden Wood.

In the autumn the children in Year 1 go to Frithy Wood to search for Acorns and other seeds which are the planted in the Tree Nursery.

In Year 2 the children ' Mind and Mulch' the saplings and then in Year 4 the children plant their trees and shrubs in Golden Wood.

For the past two years the children have been using the trees they have grown to plant the hedgerow along the north-west boundary of the upper wood, near The Foundry.

In March 2017 the Year 6 children will be working in Golden Wood, snedding the oak trees that were planted by the school in the years 1994 to 2003.

This is part of Forest for Our Children's 'Seed to Tree' programme. Throughout their time at the school, from Reception to Year 6, the children are involved in the life of the wood and the history of Lawshall's unique connection with people who live in the rainforest in Papua New Guinea.

The very first tree was planted in the school grounds by William Takaku, from PNG, in 1993.

All the school class names have tree connections: Acorn, Oak, Ash, Lime, Horse Chestnut, Willow and Elder.'

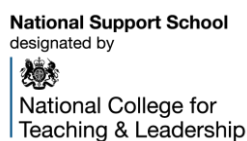
If you would like to add your name to the volunteer list for helping at the Seed To Tree events, please do let me know and I will pass this on to Elizabeth.

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