

### Dates for your diary

Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> April	First gardening club of the term – continuing until the summer holiday
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> April	Tia and Mary meet to plan Peas Please project
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> April	First event of peas please with children, ‘My Plate’ painting
Mon 30 <sup>th</sup> April 8.50	Whole school assembly to launch Peas Please project.
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> May	First Parent/Child cookery workshop – after school. Ends on 14 <sup>th</sup> June
<b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Summer Open Edible Garden</b>
<b>Sat 16<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Edible Garden participates in Bridport Food Festival Askers Meadows</b>
Tue 19 <sup>th</sup> <sup>thor</sup> 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Judges visit re Melplash Show ‘Best Allotment’ competition
25 <sup>th</sup> July	First veg box delivered to Cupboard Love, St. Mary’s Church

*Please see when you may be able to help in any way. We always welcome volunteers. Sarah, Tia and Mitch are in school Wednesday; Tia and Mary are in school Thursday.*

*Sarah will be away 6<sup>th</sup> June and 20<sup>th</sup> June. Tia will be away 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> June.*

*We continue throughout the Summer holiday and aim to preserve the harvest to be used later in the kitchen.*

### Peas Please update

Much of the planning for this project has now taken place and Tia with Mary have all kinds of exciting activities which are being co-ordinated with Claire Legg. The special assembly will launch these events, when we are pleased that the wonderful entertaining Martin Maudsley will join us. He is a magical storyteller, poet, naturalist and writer of songs. He is also coming on 15<sup>th</sup> June. Robert Golden will be photographing at various times so that we have a great visual record which we can share and show Awards For All – our sponsors.

### Parent and Child Cookery workshops

Amanda, Bob and Mary will be the lead cooks on the family cooking course which is being offered to year two class. Ten ‘couples’ will be cooking from scratch using the school kitchen, and garden. Much of the produce will be picked freshly. The recipes sound delicious, it is completely free and the prepared dishes will be taken home for the family. Perhaps we will find a champion team who can inspire others?

### The Legume Castle

Mitch is busily preparing a construction in a newly prepared part of the garden. It has been overwintered under a tarpaulin, so the weeds have all died and there is a large load of organic manure waiting to be put on to give greater fertility to the soil. With the help of Polly, they are going to build a series of towers for beans and peas to grow up. Creative ideas are being hatched for ways the children can add to this. Does any one in the school have thoughts on who it might be?

### **Gardening Club**

On Wednesday lunchtimes there is a frantic 50 minutes when up to 20 very enthusiastic pupils come and garden. This term we had many new and younger children who can make a real difference in getting jobs done in the fast-growing season. We realise that last term's team were becoming skilled, but the newcomers have still lots to learn. Luckily we have three adults to teach them.

### **Other News**

You might not be aware that Transition Town Bridport has been holding a Green Fortnight on the issue of reducing plastic, especially single use things like bags. Polly has been working with Diane and year 4 children. They have produced some beautiful sculpture from waste plastic and two different installations have been on display in Bridport. The attached photo shows one presently displayed in Soulshine Café. The other work should soon be shown at St. Mary's somewhere in the school or grounds. Thank you, Polly, for creating such attractive things warning us of the dangers of plastic.