



7th February 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to let you know about two initiatives that we have to improve the drainage and physical attractiveness of our school site!



We already have a partnership with Trees for Cities who planted some new trees on the field and plants around the school site and installed our 'green screen' along the Sunnyhill Road fence last year. These interventions have already begun to mature and are providing a real improvement to our environment! Trees for Cities contacted me at the end of the Autumn term to offer us more planting along the Harborough Road perimeter which will offer further privacy and security as well as being really attractive.

Volunteers are coming into school on 22nd and 23rd February to do the actual planting and classes in Years 1-6 will spend a short amount of time assisting. I suggest that children bring a spare set of clothes that day which are ok to get a bit muddy. **Years 2, 4 & 6 on 22nd February; Years 1, 3 & 5 on 23rd February.** A reminder will be sent closer to the time.

SuDS in Schools

SuDS stands for Sustainable Drainage Systems and is a project undertaken between the Local Authority, Thames Water and the Department for Education to tackle the most serious flood risk areas affecting schools. If you live on one of the surrounding streets, you know that this is a flood risk area!

We have been identified to receive drainage solutions on our site at no cost to the school. Landscape architects have been working on our project since late last year and now they are ready to be presented to you. On **Monday 21st February**, representatives from Civic Engineers will come to school to present an assembly for children in Years 4, 5 and 6 and will display drawings of the proposals in the sports hall for you to look at after school. You are all welcome to come and have a look at the designs and the engineers and architects will also be available to answer any questions you may have.

These are exciting times and I'm so pleased to share the news of these opportunities with you!

Kind regards,

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Head Teacher



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