



# **CUMBERLAND INFANT SCHOOL & Little Cumberland Pre-School**

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Dear Parents

## **Greening our school**

I am writing to ask for your support with an exciting new project for the school.

In my summer Newsletter, I shared that we have been working on the garden and outdoor spaces over the holiday. I hope you have spotted the lovely work by NCS in the sensory area and the work by staff to paint the sheds and organise the outdoor resources. Last week it was a delight to see the Little Cumberland Pre-School and Year R children sharing the mud kitchen and wildlife space and learning from each other.

I have an ambition to make the Cumberland School grounds much more wildlife and climate friendly, creating lots of opportunities for the children to explore and feed their curiosity about nature.

To do this we are starting a Parent and Child Gardening Club which will green the school grounds with plants to attract wildlife and to engage the children. We also hope the Club will support school families who want to do more in their own gardens and homes.

The school greening project has won a space in a competition led by Portsmouth City Council called 'Back the Future', supporting projects around the city to take action in response to climate change. We are now eligible for up to £5,000 of funding to support if we raise the same amount through a Crowdfunding campaign. The Crowdfunder will launch on 11th October and we can't wait to get started funding the exciting garden and nature activities we have planned.

How can you get involved?

- Please tell all your friends and family that we will soon be fundraising - the webpage for donations will go live on 11th October.
- As part of the Crowdfunder we will be offering rewards to people who donate. If you are able to offer rewards through your workplace or business, please get in touch.

- If you want to join the Gardening Club please let me know. You don't need to have any previous experience, just the enthusiasm to join in! We will send more information about the Club in the coming weeks.

We hope you will enjoy this project and look forward to seeing lots more plants and wildlife in the school grounds.

Best Wishes

**Rebecca Herbert**  
**Headteacher**