



GARDENING AT SCHOOL

We have not had a presence on the website before so are trying to rectify this to let everyone know about the gardening at school. We are looking forward to letting you know what we actually do, and how things are growing.....



Class 3 flower trough in the courtyard.

Now the weather is getting better, Mrs. Fallows and Mrs. Wright will be starting up the Gardening Club and gardening with children of class 3. Last term we had some very enthusiastic children in both club and class and are looking forward to meeting new gardeners this term. We would like the children to keep a record of the growing success, so will be asking a few of them to start diaries – perhaps one for class and one for club. They can add photographs, their own pictures and some writing. This will be a new addition to the gardening, but we are hoping it will be a valuable reminder of the

garden at various times of the year, and show the cycle of life in a garden.



Gardening Club garden, last year's growing

We are planning to garden with the club on Thursday lunchtimes, with class 3 planting their troughs on the same days. We have a list of gardening projects from which to choose to show the children where their food comes from, how it grows and what plants can be used for flavours and medicines and how different insects and earthworms can help plants and soil. The newly dug gardening club garden will be planted up, and already has broad beans coming up.

Rettendon Village Show – Saturday 14th July - and the Gardening with the school.

The Rettendon Horticultural Society and Friends of Rettendon School have been discussing a competition for growing potatoes. We would like each class to chit, plant and grow a bag of potatoes. These bags will be taken across to the arena on the show ground on Saturday 14th July, about 3pm (the arena timetable will say when), and emptied out to be weighed. The class with the heaviest crop of potatoes will be presented with a certificate. We would like this to become an annual competition – and this is to be the first year of it. We are hoping to engage the teachers as well as the pupils. We look forward to starting this off in the coming weeks.

As usual we will also be looking at each child planting a seed and growing a plant for the show. We had some spectacular plants at the last show, so hope we can repeat this year. More to come on this in the future.....