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HARDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL
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Harden Tree Planting Project - Saturday 12th February

Your family is invited to join Harden Primary School, in partnership with Bradford Bronte Rotary Club and Bradford West Rotary Club, to plant a tree and help save the environment. This is a family event where you will stay with your child/children to plant a tree - there will be lots of help!

Yorgreen (an environmental social enterprise based in Keighley) have secured 500 trees from the Woodlands Trust for Harden Primary School to plant.

Why are we doing this?

- Greenhouse gas levels are higher now than at any time in the last 800,000 years
- Sea levels have risen 8-9 inches (21-24 cm) since 1880 and by 2100 could rise by as much as 2.5m
- More than one million species are now at risk of extinction
- Species are dying off 1,000 times more frequently today than during the last 60 million years

What can we do?

- Create new habitats - plant trees, plant flowers for bees, make bug hotels, make a pond
- Don't waste anything - REDUCE, REPAIR, RE-USE, RECYCLE
- Don't waste food - 30% of greenhouse gas comes from food productions and food waste
- Buy things locally and that are made from sustainable materials
- Use less water - water companies use a lot of energy
- Save energy - switch off equipment, switch to renewable energy, walk or cycle
- Be a planet advocate - SHARE your passion, share your stories, share your ideas!

Where are we doing this?

- The land runs alongside Cottingley Woods and is accessed from the bottom of the quarry opposite Stephen Smith's Garden Centre
- The landowner has agreed to allow school access to the land for us to go back and measure the progress of our trees and take part in forest school activities
- We will also have access to chickens, alpacas, and bees to learn about these animals

The Tees

- Trees will be native plants which will help to store carbon, improve biodiversity, reduce flooding etc. and include Hazel, Blackthorn, Willow, Alder, Mountain Ash
- Trees will include some shrubs and trees that produce fruit that can be harvested e.g. apples, willow and hazel

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Stephen Smith's Garden Centre are kindly allowing us to park in their car park on the day - there will be lots of signs and marshalls to guide the way.

- Refreshments will be provided.
- All equipment and trees are provided - just bring your wellies!
- Each child has the opportunity to plant their own tree.

In order to spread out visitors during the day, we have put together the following timetable however, this is flexible so if there is only one slot you can make, please come then! If you have more than one child in school, they can come together in either session (Sat 12th Feb).

Reception - 10.30am
Year 1 - 11.00am
Year 2 - 11.30am
Year 3 - 12.00pm
Year 4 - 12.30pm
Year 5 - 1.00pm
Year 6 - 1.30pm

We hope to see you there!

Miss Hall
Assistant Headteacher

