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Dear Parents/Carers of Children in Year 1

I am delighted to be able to inform you that we have again been invited to take part in a special event run by the East of England Agricultural Society.

The 'Grow Your Own Produce Event' will take place over two sessions at the school.





The First session is booked for the morning of Thursday 7th March and will involve the following:

**Planting of the Seed Potato and
Lettuce**

-  Learn about planting cycles and farm machinery used
-  Understand inputs and outputs of a metre square field of potatoes
-  Hands-on planting for children of potatoes and lettuce
-  Learn about the different types of lettuce

The follow up session will be held on Friday 12th July. Again, this will take place at school and will involve:

Harvesting of the Crops

-  Harvest and weigh your potatoes. Compete to see which class has the best crop!
-  Learn how potatoes and lettuce fit into a healthy diet
-  Understand consumer choice and taste a variety of potato dishes
-  Complete a potato trail

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This has been a very popular event that Year 1 pupils have taken part in for a number of years and is a wonderful opportunity for children to grow their own food. The children love the hands-on experience of planting the potatoes and lettuce and being able to take their plants home and experience growing with their families.

The cost of the event is £6 per child to cover the resources provided and must be paid by Friday 9th February. There is no longer a £30 annual trip fee fund, if your child has a balance carried forward from last year, you will be notified separately.

Please be aware that a trip/event will only take place when there is a commitment from at least 90% of parents to pay the full voluntary contribution.

Voluntary Contributions - It is important to note that no child is excluded from an activity simply because his or her parents are unwilling or unable to pay the voluntary contribution. If you are in receipt of Universal Credit, Income Support, Income Based Jobseekers Allowance, support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999, Child Tax Credit, provided that Working Tax Credit is not also received and the family's income (as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs) does not exceed £16,190 then please arrange to see the Head Teacher or the School Business Manager to enable us to establish what help the school can offer.

Please complete the following form:

[Y1 Grow your own potatoes event](#)

Kind Regards

Mrs Francis & Miss Wyatt

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