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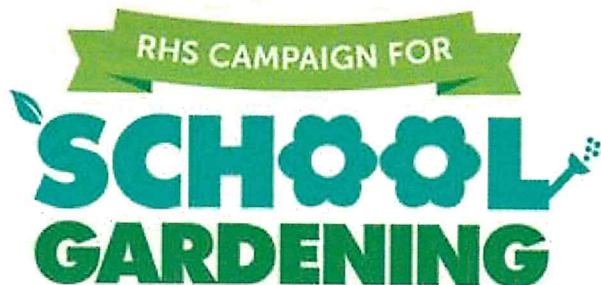
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Dear Parents & Carers,

We are delighted to announce that this year Avalon is participating in the RHS campaign for School Gardening and will be creating a school garden at the Tatton Park Flower Show in July.

The competition this year involves designing a 3m x 3m garden using this year's theme, 'Wild about Wildlife' and making sure that it is designed around environmentally friendly gardening. Each of the 15 schools competing has been allocated a children's book and a key character around which the garden should be centred. Avalon's book is; 'Harry the Poisonous Centipede' by Lynne Reid Banks and our key character is Harry.

For the competition the children will need to grow 50% of the plants from seeds or plugs, over a period of at least three months and a backdrop with artwork should accompany the garden and reflect its theme.

This week the children have had workshop sessions with Pip Probert from 'Outer Spaces' Landscape Gardening, who is herself an RHS Gold Medal Winner and a former pupil of Avalon. Pip helped the children to start thinking about a suitable design for the project and they have been researching possible plants for growing. Over the next few weeks we hope to create our final design and then take 4 children on 17th March to present the school's design at Tatton Park to the panel.

We would like to invite children, parents, families and friends to get involved in this project, particularly if you have a keen interest in gardening or building!

Children who would like to get involved will need to be available to help build the garden at Tatton Park on 12th and 13th July.

We will also be looking for some volunteers to help 'man' the school garden at various times throughout the Tatton Park show which is on Wednesday 19th to Sunday 23rd July.

If you, a family member or a friend would be willing to help out and support the children with this exciting new project, which involves so many learning opportunities, please do let us know by completing the reply slip overleaf so that we can start to get organised.

Yours sincerely

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	Please Tick	
	Yes	No
I / We would be willing to help support the gardening club at school with growing plants or making resources.		
I / We would like our child to be involved in building the school garden at Tatton Park and we are available on 12 th and 13 th July.		
I / We would like our child to be involved in 'manning' the school garden at Tatton Park and we would be available for slots during the show 19 th – 23 rd July.		
I / We would like to support Avalon's school gardening competition entry at Tatton Park in another way: <i>(Please give details below of how you could help)</i>		
Contact Details:		
Child's Name: _____ Class: _____		
Adult Volunteer Name: (If appropriate): _____		
Relationship to child _____		
Mobile Number: _____		
Email: _____		

