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Dear parents and carers,

Re: Community Volunteering

We want to ensure our pupils are aware of the world around them and are active in supporting the community.

Termly Community Volunteering

We therefore have been developing a volunteering programme over the last couple of years. Moving forward we are going to set community volunteering tasks for pupils to complete outside of school. As they are volunteering tasks, the children need to choose to do them.

Each term we will send out the volunteering tasks. There will be a set for KS1 pupils and a set for KS2 pupils. They will also be available on the homework page on our website to download or print off.

In the last week of each half term, the teachers will set aside some time for the pupils to share what they have done. The teacher will log the tasks completed in the class book. Pupils need to be keeping a log of what they do and the date they do it – they then bring this in during the last week of the half term. In order to help, I have attached a table with the task and an empty space for making notes and adding the date on at the end of this letter. Pupils who complete all of the volunteering tasks will be awarded a certificate at the end of the year.

Additional support for the community

We also want to celebrate the support many of our pupils give to our community above and beyond the tasks we set. Some children raise money for charities or take part in sponsored events.

During the sharing session pupils who have done additional activities can share them with the class in the session. The teacher will note these in the class book. The pupil will then receive a certificate in assembly.

For the first additional volunteering they will be awarded a bronze community volunteering certificate. If they continue to support the community they may be awarded silver and then gold awards. Their photograph will also be taken and displayed in the main building.

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KS1 Community Volunteering

Spring	
Activity	Date and details
Pick up litter / Take care of the environment	
Provide something for a foodbank or homeless shelter	
Join a community group like Scouts or Brownies	
Read or play with a younger child	
Help with the shopping	
Do something to make someone smile	
Set the table without being asked to	
Look after an animal	

KS2 Community Volunteering

Spring	
Activity	Date and details
Provide something for a foodbank or homeless shelter	
Organise a fundraising event	
Write a message of thanks to someone in the community who does things to help others	
Send a smile in the post (a card or letter to someone)	
Help out someone who is elderly or unwell	
Make a bird feeder during the winter	
Read or play with a younger child	

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Family Volunteering

Since we launched our volunteering programme in school, we have had parents asking about other volunteering opportunities. It's always worth asking a charity you are interested in if they offer opportunities for whole families to get involved, many do. And there are several organisations that regularly offer family friendly volunteering activities, events and holidays.

Alternatively, the children can go volunteering while you put your feet up - they can have fun, and learn new skills.

The following opportunities can be found on the BBC site.

Family friendly

- **The Conservation Volunteers** (www.tcv.org.uk)
- **Family volunteering in Scotland** (www.volunteerscotland.net)
- **The National Trust** (www.nationaltrust.org.uk)
- **The RSPB** (www.rspb.org.uk)

Volunteering for children 14+

- **Vinspired** (vinspired.com)

Volunteering alongside your children

- **Girl Guiding** (www.girlguiding.org.uk)
- **Join In** (www.joininuk.org)
- **The Scouts** (scouts.org.uk)

Volunteering with children

- **Action For Children** (www.actionforchildren.org.uk)
- **Barnados** (www.barnados.org.uk)
- **The Children's Society** (www.childrenssociety.org.uk)
- **NSPCC** (www.nspcc.org.uk)
- **Rainbow Trust** (rainbowtrust.org.uk)
- **Save The Children** (www.savethechildren.org.uk)
- **Whizz Kidz** (www.whizz-kidz.org.uk)

Kind regards,

Mrs Skinner

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