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**"A caring, supportive community, grounded in a Christian ethos, where children are inspired to explore their potential and develop skills for life."**

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### **Outdoor Learning Area**

Dear Families,

We are incredibly excited to inform you about our new outdoor learning project. Mrs Kearns, together with Mrs Bevan and the eco team are working together to create a beautiful outdoor learning environment for the children to enjoy.

Currently, there are two projects to launch the area, both of which will be located on the upper field:

#### **1/ An orchard -surrounded reflection zone**

The team are looking to plant fruit trees surrounding a space of tranquillity. This will be an area containing benches and birdfeeders, where children can take themselves if they feel the need for a time of quiet, reflection or calm.

#### **How can you help us?**

- We have a few kindly donated apple trees to start our project, but if each family were happy to donate just £1.00, we would be able to complete our orchard. This can be paid on Parent Pay.
- Any green-fingered or willing and able parents who are available to volunteer time (outside of school hours) to prepare the ground, dig holes and plant trees, would be very welcomed! If you are available in any capacity, please e-mail Mrs Kearns at : [kearnsv@queen-eleanors.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:kearnsv@queen-eleanors.surrey.sch.uk)

#### **2/ Campfire area**

The team would further like to create an 'outdoor classroom' – where learning can take place sitting on logs surrounding a campfire.

#### **How can you help us?**

If you have any connection to tree surgeons, or can help us obtain and chop wood for our log 'seats' please e-mail Mrs Kearns at: [kearnsv@queen-eleanors.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:kearnsv@queen-eleanors.surrey.sch.uk)

We hope you share our vision for this outdoor area and agree that it's a positive development that will be of great benefit to all QE children.

Thank you in advance for your help and support.

Kind regards,

Mrs Kearns and Mrs Bevan