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Plum Harvest at Bridgewater – help needed







Dear Team Bridgewater,

We need your help! We have another bumper soft fruit crop in the reception meadow. We need some volunteers to come to help us harvest wild plums for us. We also need to pick up those that have fallen on the floor.

You can take home whatever you collect. Mrs Toussi has been picking and eating the plums and says that they are delicious, albeit smaller than you would buy in the shops. Mr Wesley will provide some tarps and the trees can be shaken to get the plums that are too high to be picked by hand.

If we don't clear the plums we end up with the situation we had last summer, see the picture on the far right, where overripe plums fall, begin fermenting and attract lots of wasps. We have already had 2 wasps nests removed in the last couple of weeks, so don't want to encourage them. We would like the windfalls collected and disposed of, before the new plums are harvested.

When

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday this week, between 3.30pm – 5.00pm (Rialize use the meadow after tea)

What to bring

A bucket to collect your harvest and gloves for collecting windfalls.

We will provide tarps for the plums to land on when the trees are shaken. We will also bring containers for disposing of the windfalls, plus rakes and dustpans and brushes for collecting them.

If you can help us, please email helen.holmeshiggin@bridgewater.herts.sch.uk

Thank you,

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