

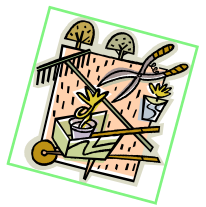




# Cambo First School Community Farming/Gardening Newsletter

## Welcome to Spring 2012

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### Cockerel.. what cockerel all I see are hens.. Or do I...

You may remember that we gained four new hens last year. Much to our amazement we fell foul of the four! e.g. 2 were cockerels and were more than happy in amongst our young ladies. However egg production was zilch! I think the crowing gave it away, although I might add some of us took a lot of convincing! Many thanks to Tracey Davison who came to our rescue! Tracey rehoused our chickens and thankfully we now have four red hens; and they are exceptional layers. 4 eggs every day. Dawn is clapping her hands and lunches have never been so fresh!

### Dates for your diary



#### March

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March at 1pm -  
livestock meeting

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March  
Community Gardening  
Day from 10.00am

Please let us know if you  
would like to stay for lunch

#### April

Community lunch and raffle  
for our London visit  
18<sup>th</sup> April at 12 noon



We have produce in the  
school garden e.g. leeks,  
kale etc. Feel free to use.  
A small donation a packet  
of seeds never goes a miss!

### Planting Out

The weather was so good in February that the children prepared the ground for planting at the allotment, the garden and in the poly tunnel. The March gardening day should see all of the gardening areas planted. Dawn is really excited about this as it means we can have lovely fruit and vegetables for the summer and autumn

### Gardening Tips/Information/Recipes/Stories

If you have any gardening tips, recipes or stories you would like to share with us for the Summer edition in June.

### Visitors

This term we have had several visitors to our school from other schools planning to keep livestock and develop gardening. They have been very impressed with our animal husbandry and knowledge and that is just the children!!



### Tip of the month

Frosts can still be a hazard, so keep vulnerable plants protected at night if frost is forecast. March winds are also notorious for their ferocity so check exposed plants are well supported.

### Cambo News

It was a warm February morning and Johnny Ballantine and Steven Butters arrived with our new editions to the Cambo Family. Gingy and Spot our new piglets. It seems such a long time since we had pigs at Cambo. Our last two went to slaughter in July and I have to say we are just about to use the last of the pork meat this month. They tasted fabulous. We have a new breed of pig this time, let's hope they are as tasty as the last ones! and as friendly!!!

