

22nd December

The School Gardening Club has now finished for the year (as it's usually snowing by this time!) so I am just trying to keep on top of everything. Jimmy Dirdon, a very good leek and onion grower from the West Midlands gives me leek heads every year for the seed. 3 lots are trialled to make sure they are viable. The 2 lots of blanch leeks are ok – just waiting for the pot leeks. The seed will be sown in 10inch pots in early March and are destined for the Colley Gate Gardening Club bring and buy sale in June and are a right little money earner! I am still trying to get Jim to join the NVS so watch this space!



The School leaf mould bin also gets attention throughout the winter with a good watering this week. I am also collecting vermivompost- there's a big word!- (worm casts) out of the school wormery



I'm still chopping up my compost ingredients every Monday. I also do a moisture check when the carpet is lifted. The chopped ingredients are added before adding some shredded newspapers (which will give carbon) and the whole lot watered if needed.



The last couple of jobs this week have been to take the cover of the raised bed in the School Garden tunnel. As I said before dry soil is dormant so make I make sure it has plenty moisture. It was given a good watering before the cover was put back on to let the bacteria and fungi do their work. If it



And finally this week the rhubarb has had a good dressing of manure. That`s all this week – I hope everybody has a great Xmas

