



7th September 2016

**Forest School Parents/Carers Information**

Dear Parents/carers,

We are pleased to inform you that your child's class will take part in Forest School this academic year.

Sessions starting/continuing this term are:

**When?**

**Reception** Forest School Session - Wednesdays with Miss Jenkinson

**Year 2** Forest School Session – Thursday morning with Mrs Hattersley

**Year 4** Forest School session – every Thursday afternoon with Miss Jenkinson

**Year 5** Forest School session - every Tuesday morning with Miss Jenkinson

**What is Forest School?**

Forest School promotes holistic learning experiences that contribute significantly to the development of your child as a whole. This is done by providing a creative, stimulating and child centered natural environment which allows your child time to experiment with real life first hand experiences that develop resilience, independent thinking and social interactions. Your child will be taught elements of bush craft involving a range of tools. An example of some of the activities your child will encounter will be: den & shelter building, along with tree climbing, fire building, getting a little muddy and more!

**Forest School Kit – to be brought in on the day of your child's Forest School Session**

- ✓ Long sleeves & long trousers
- ✓ Sturdy, warm footwear – e.g. Well insulated wellingtons, walking boots, trainers in good weather (school provide wellingtons for children in reception)
- ✓ Layers – jacket, jumper & fleece
- ✓ For wet weather, waterproof clothing
- ✓ For cold weather – a warm coat, gloves, hat, scarf/snood

For health and safety reasons your child will not take part in the outdoor Forest School session if they do not have their full kit.

**Where and who?**

Forest School sessions will take place in our newly built woodland area at the bottom of our school field. We would love for you to come see it for yourself and have a taste of some of the activities your child will be commencing this term, in the form of an after-school **Family Forest School** session. It will be an opportunity for you to learn more about Forest School, answer any questions you may have and have some fun.

**After School Forest School Club**

From 28<sup>th</sup> September for 4 weeks we will offer a Forest School After School Club to Y1, Y3 and Y6 pupils. This will be repeated later in the year as we can only offer to a limited number of pupils. More information to follow.

Yours sincerely,

Rachel Jenkinson  
Class teacher & Forest School Lead

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I wish attend the 'Parent Forest School' afterschool session on Wednesday **21<sup>st</sup> September 2016 at 4:15 – 5:15pm**

Name:..... Relationship to child:.....

**Roots of happiness, branches to learning.**

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