

3rd October 2017

Dear Parents,



We are planning to take the children off site for our Forest School sessions starting with HAZEL Class on Tuesday the 10th October and then ELM Class the following Tuesday morning, the 17th October and WILLOW Class Tuesday afternoon, the 17th October. After the half-term holiday we will take HAZEL Class on the 31st October and again on the 14th November, followed by the 28th November. ELM Class and WILLOW Class will then go on the 7th November and then the 21st November and then on the 5th December (Elm class will be in the mornings and Willow Class in the afternoons.) Your child will need a pair of labelled, wellies that we can keep in school.

We walk to Palmers Rough woodland, behind Streetsbrook Infants School for the morning sessions, where we can offer a varied curriculum in an outdoor environment. We shall take Hazel class the first week, whilst Elm and Willow class will do P.E. in school and then the following week the classes swap over with Willow class going during the afternoon to Sharmans Cross Woods off Stockley Crescent. We are only able to do this with support from parents or carers, without this unfortunately Forest School cannot take place. If you are able to accompany us please let us know as soon as possible.

For Hazel and Elm classes, on a forest school morning please send your child to school wearing comfortable trousers, tee-shirt, a warm jumper or fleece and socks that are still warm under wellies!! If it is cold gloves and a hat do help to keep your child warm. Each child is supplied with waterproof trousers and jackets, and we have found that padded, winter coats are too bulky to wear under the jackets so get uncomfortable for the children. When we return to school each child will change into school uniform, so please send this in a bag in the morning not forgetting their shoes! Please, please can you make sure that everything is clearly labelled with your child's name. The woods are muddy so old clothes are usually best.

For Willow class please bring your child into school in trousers ready for Forest School but bring any extra clothes for Forest School in a separate bag which they can change into at lunchtime. (Again everything needs labelling with your child's name)

If you have any further questions please approach any of the Year 1 staff or the school office.

Yours faithfully

Mrs Sue Nicholls