

7<sup>th</sup> February 2018

Dear Parents,



We are planning our Forest School sessions for the next half-term starting with ELM Class on Tuesday the 6<sup>th</sup> March 2018 and then WILLOW Class the following Tuesday morning, the 13<sup>th</sup> March and HAZEL Class the same Tuesday but in the afternoon. This pattern to be followed two weeks later, so ELM class will go the morning of 19<sup>th</sup> March. WILLOW class and HAZEL class will go on Tuesday the 27<sup>th</sup> March in the mornings for WILLOW class followed by HAZEL 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 Elm class the second week of the half-term term, whilst Willow and Hazel class will do P.E. in school and then the following week the classes swap over with Hazel 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 can accompany us please let us know as soon as possible.

For Elm and Willow 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 Hazel 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. [office@blossomfield.solihull.sch.uk](mailto:office@blossomfield.solihull.sch.uk)

Yours faithfully

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