



6<sup>th</sup> March 2019

Dear Parents

### **Forest School update**

#### **Forest School Drop In Sessions**

On Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019, we would like to invite you to our Forest School drop in session, so that you can share your child's learning in the meadow classroom. Children will be going to Forest School during their normal sessions, either morning 9.00am till 11.30am or afternoon 12.30pm to 2.30pm. We look forward to you joining us, if you would like to learn more about our Forest School.

#### **Summer Term 2019**

After the Easter break, all children will be taking part in Forest School on Mondays, for the whole day, from 9.00am-3.00 pm. Please can you bring your child already dressed for Forest School and apply sun cream if necessary. Your child will need a packed lunch and a drink of water, as we will be having a picnic lunch all together in the meadow class. There will be no school lunches for pre-school children on Mondays during the summer term. The day will continue as planned, regardless of the weather, unless the Forest School Leader (or head of school) believes it is dangerous to go to the meadow classroom. Wet or cold weather will not affect our plans, so please make sure the clothing you provide for your child is suitable for the weather conditions on the day.

#### **Clothing**

As the weather is getting warmer, please can you remember to send your child with waterproof coat and trousers, sun hat, named water bottle, long sleeved top and trousers and trainers, wellies or walking shoes, dependent upon the weather. Please make sure that your child has a change of clothes, including socks and shoes, so that we can change them if necessary.

Please make sure your child has sun protection cream applied as the weather becomes warmer.

#### **National Outdoor Classroom Learning day**

On Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2019 we will be taking part in the National Outdoor Classroom Day. We will be spending the morning in the Meadow Class with the children from the Early Years classes. The aim of the day is to demonstrate how outdoor play is not only central to children's enjoyment of childhood, but that it also teaches them critical life skills, such as, problem-solving, team work and creativity. Observations confirm that children's behavior improves when they are excited to learn, and that children who do not enjoy learning in a classroom environment, thrive when learning outdoors. It

You can find more information about the aims of the National Outdoor Learning Day  
<https://outdoorclassroomday.org.uk/about/>

More information to follow after the Easter break

#### **Volunteers**

We would love some parent helpers to join us for Forest School sessions, so if you are able to volunteer, please speak to Caroline or myself.

#### **Fire Wood**

We light a fire regularly at Forest School, to provide warmth and to cook. To be able to continue to do this, please donate any unwanted wood, which is suitable to burn.

Many thanks

Vanessa Plampin

**Deputy Manager and Forest School Leader**