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Dear Parents

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I am pleased to announce that Mrs Richards' and Mr Brotherton's classes will be beginning a series of Forest School sessions with me this half term.

As the name suggests, Forest School is all about getting children out of the classroom and into a natural setting where learning takes place through stimulating hands-on activities which are designed to both engage and challenge them.

One of the reasons for taking up Forest School at Redhill is that studies have shown that taking part leads to a number of positive outcomes, including raised self-esteem, and improved concentration and communication skills.

Setting aside the possibility of extreme weather conditions, Forest School sessions will run fortnightly for each class as follows: -

Mrs Richards' Class = 13th September, 27th September, 11th October, 1st November and 15th November.

Mr Brotherton's Class = 20th September, 4th October, 18th October, 8th November and 22nd November.

Each session will last up to two hours.

The sessions will be run in the afternoons so, please can children come into school wearing their school uniform and bring clothing outlined in the list below in a named bag, which they will change into for their session.

Forest School Kit List

- Waterproof coat or cagoule
- Waterproof trousers
- Trousers/jogging bottoms
- Fleece/sweatshirt
- Wellington boots (our school field is muddy at this time of year).
- Warm hat
- Gloves

Please note that one of the main principles underpinning Forest School ethos is that, "There's no such thing as bad weather, only bad clothing," which means we won't be heading in at the first hint of rain! Therefore, for the children's comfort and well-being it really is essential that they are dressed appropriately for the season. Though the children will be busy outside and getting plenty of exercise, there will also be periods during which we will be sitting down to talk and listen. It's then that they will be glad of warm clothing.

"Reaching for new heights, together"



We would also advise against children wearing any clothing that might be considered as 'best', as it is quite likely that they will get quite dirty by the end of the session. Old clothing is ideal.

Please also send in

- A carrier bag or two for wet / dirty clothing.
- School uniform, including shoes, to change into for the afternoon session.
- a snack - a fruit bar or piece of fruit is ideal
- a water bottle

In order for your child to take part in the full programme of activities, I am going to need to seek your consent.

Please read the following statement, and complete and delete where appropriate and sign at the bottom.

I, Mrs/ Mr/ Miss, give my consent for

.....to take part in the Forest School sessions at

Redhill Primary School

I understand that activities may include, craftwork, pond dipping, tool use, flint fire lighting skills, den building, campfire cooking and other related activities. I give my consent for the equipment and tools necessary for the activity to be used by the young person mentioned above. I understand that a strict code of practise for working with children will be followed and all activities will be risk assessed and I will be informed of any extra details of activities that are out of the ordinary pattern.

I confirm that both the medical information and emergency contact details I have supplied to the school are up-to date.

As an additional precaution, we are required to ask you in more detail about allergies and insect stings. Please tick the appropriate box:

- My child has never been stung by a wasp/bee
- My child has been stung by a wasp/bee and made a normal recovery
- My child has been stung by a wasp/bee and had an allergic reaction

My child has the following food allergy/allergies:.....

In an emergency, I understand that every effort will be made to contact me, but I consent to any medical treatment required.

SignedDate.....

Relationship to child

As always, if you have any questions or concerns about any aspect Forest School please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Yours faithfully
Tom Hodgkison
Forest School Co-ordinator