



Wednesday 16th October 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

## Outdoor Learning for Foundation Stage

From Term 2, your child will have the opportunity to participate in outdoor learning sessions, based upon the Forest School approach which originated in Scandinavia.

These types of outdoor learning sessions have many benefits for the children, such as developing their independence and ability to manage risk, improving social skills and communication, developing their concentration and physical skills, promoting respect and curiosity about their environment and allowing children who may find classroom learning more challenging an opportunity to learn at their own pace, and in a different way.

Sessions for Foundation Stage will commence week beginning Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October, on a fortnightly basis. Classes will be split into two groups, 1 and 2. Please see the attached email to see which group your child is in.

Leopards		Tigers		Lions	
<b>Group 1</b>	<b>Group 2</b>	<b>Group 1</b>	<b>Group 2</b>	<b>Group 1</b>	<b>Group 2</b>
30/10/19 (AM)	6/11/19 (AM)	31/10/19 (AM)	7/11/19 (AM)	1/11/19 (AM)	8/11/19 (AM)
13/11/19 (AM)	20/11/19 (AM)	14/11/19 (AM)	21/11/19 (AM)	15/11/19 (AM)	22/11/19 (AM)
27/11/19 (AM)		28/11/19 (AM)		29/11/19 (AM)	
<b>CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS</b>					
15/1/20 (AM)	8/1/20 (AM)	16/1/20 (AM)	9/1/20 (AM)	17/1/20 (AM)	10/1/20 (AM)
29/1/20 (AM)	22/1/20 (AM)	30/1/20 (AM)	23/1/20 (AM)	31/1/20 (AM)	24/1/20 (AM)
12/2/20 (AM)	5/2/20 (AM)	13/2/20 (AM)	6/2/20 (AM)	14/2/20 (AM)	7/2/20 (AM)
<b>HALF TERM</b>					
	26/2/20 (AM)		27/2/20 (AM)		28/2/20 (AM)
4/3/20 (AM)	11/3/20 (AM)	5/3/20 (AM)	12/3/20 (AM)	6/3/20 (AM)	13/3/20 (AM)
18/3/20 (AM)	25/3/20 (AM)	19/3/20 (AM)	26/3/20 (AM)	20/3/20 (AM)	27/3/20 (AM)
<b>EASTER HOLIDAYS</b>					
29/4/20 (AM)	22/4/20 (AM)	30/4/20 (AM)	23/4/20 (AM)	1/5/20 (AM)	24/4/20 (AM)
13/5/20 (AM)	20/5/20 (AM)	14/5/20 (AM)	21/5/20 (AM)	15/5/20 (AM)	22/5/20 (AM)
3/6/20 (AM)	10/6/20 (AM)	4/6/20 (AM)	11/6/20 (AM)	5/6/20 (AM)	12/6/20 (AM)
17/6/20 (AM)	24/6/20 (AM)	18/6/20 (AM)	25/6/20 (AM)	19/6/20 (AM)	26/6/20 (AM)
1/7/20 (AM)	8/7/19 (AM)	2/7/20 (AM)	9/7/19 (AM)	3/7/20 (AM)	10/7/19 (AM)

Each child will have 13 sessions throughout the year. During the sessions, your child may be digging in mud, climbing trees and participating in other messy activities. Foundation Stage children may come to school in their Forest School kit (old clothes, waterproof clothing and wellington boots). Please also provide school uniform for the children to change into afterwards. Unless conditions are judged to be 'unsafe' (i.e. extreme cold or strong winds), sessions will continue, whatever the weather.

Previously, an outside provider was employed for this activity (in other year groups), resulting in a charge of £36 per child, for only six sessions. For the past two years, we have been providing the sessions ourselves and, therefore, would ask for a donation of **£13** per child, to help towards the cost of tools, other resources, hot chocolate and marshmallows.

Our preferred method of payment for your contribution is via the on-line payment system and **there is no need to return the slip if you pay on-line**. Should you wish to pay by cash or cheque (made payable to SPS), please place your payment, with the reply slip, in a clearly marked envelope with your child's name and class on the outside and return it to your child's teacher. We would be grateful if payment could be made before the start of your child's sessions.

Yours sincerely,

*Foundation Stage Teachers*



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Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_

I enclose my cash/cheque payment for £13.00

Parent/Carer's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_