

Dear Parents,

12th September 2016

Forest School for Nursery and Reception Classes

I am delighted to inform you that Nursery and Reception children will commence their 'Forest School' experience on Monday 19th September.

These sessions are an opportunity for your child to experience nature and the outdoor environment in a safe, secure and hands on way.

Our 'forest' will be a small area of the woodland in the arboretum. The children will be encouraged to investigate and explore using a range of activities (both designed by the Early Years team and instigated by the children themselves) whilst also respecting and looking after their local environment. Building a sense of independence, high self-esteem and team work are important parts of forest school, but health and safety considerations are always of paramount importance.

As forest school sessions will run in all weathers, it is important that the children bring suitable clothing to each session. The new 2016/17 uniform list includes an all in one waterproof suit which can be purchased from Crested Schoolwear situated in the Victorian Arcade in Walsall, which we recommend for children to wear during these sessions along with their wellies.

Rain will not cause a cancellation unless accompanied by wind. Please use old clothes and let your child know that at forest school they CAN GET DIRTY and you don't mind! Names on clothes would also be useful.

I am sure that your child will make the most of this wonderful opportunity to learn outdoors in our beautiful local grounds.

Thank you for your continued support



Mrs S Smith
Head of Nursery



Mrs G Whitehouse
Deputy Headteacher (Head of Prep)