



Lavant

C.E. Primary School

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Dear Parents

Following the success of our Forest Schools programme last year we are delighted to be able to continue the project again this year.

Next half term children in Year 1 will be visiting Seeley Copse on a Thursday afternoon with Mrs Yelland. The sessions will start on the 27th April and will continue for five weeks, until 25th May. Each session will be led by Julia Shepherd and Rachel Maynard from Chichester Forest Schools. Both are experienced level 3 Forest School practitioners with Wilderness First Aid Training. They are fully insured and DBS checked.

On Forest School days the children will need to wear, long trousers and long sleeved shirts and bring waterproofs and wellies or walking boots. (The appropriate footwear for Forest Schools **must not** be worn to school in the morning but brought in a bag ready to change into after lunch.)

As last year, the children will be transported to Seeley Copse after their lunch and will return to school in time for the end of the school day. We have a number of booster seats in school, but if it is convenient for you to drop one in on a Thursday morning please could you let Mrs Yelland know.

All feedback regarding Forest Schools last year was incredibly positive and I certainly know the children thoroughly enjoyed their session each week. It is well documented that Forest School sessions also help to:

- Build confidence and self esteem
- Improve motivation and encourage co operation
- Encourage responsibility, independence and the management of risk
- Improve language, communication and social skills
- Improve physical motor skills
- Increase understanding of the physical environment and seasonal change
- Encourage a positive attitude to learning

As a school we fully financed each session last year at a considerable cost to the school. We are committed to continuing these sessions for every child but it would really help if every family could make a small voluntary contribution of £1.00 per session (£5.00 for the half term). If you have any difficulty making a contribution, do not hesitate to speak to either of us.

Please sign the permission slip below to enable your child to travel by car to the nature reserve, and return to school with your contribution at your earliest convenience. Please note, we are unable to take any child without a completed permission slip.

Many thanks.

Mr Adrian King

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YEAR 1 - FOREST SCHOOL AT SEELEY COPSE



I am happy for my childto take part in the Forest School sessions on Thursday afternoons and am happy for them to travel by car

Signed

