



# Lavant

## C.E. Primary School

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Dear Parents



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

Next half term children in Year 6 will be visiting Kingley Vale on a Thursday afternoons with Mr. Taylor. The sessions will start on the 14<sup>th</sup> September and will continue for six weeks, until 19<sup>th</sup> October. 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 the children will be swimming in the mornings they may wear their Forest School clothes for the whole day.

As last year, the children will be transported to Kingley Vale after their lunch and will return to school in time for the end of the school day.

All feedback regarding Forest Schools last year was incredibly positive and I certainly know the children thoroughly enjoyed their session each week. This half term the children will be working on skills linked to their learning in class on the Saxons. As well as supporting this learning, 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 have fully financed each session in the past 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 (£6.00 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

Mr. Dan Taylor

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### FOREST SCHOOL AT KINGLEY VALE



I am happy for my child .....to take part in the Forest School sessions at Kingley Vale on Thursday afternoons (14<sup>th</sup> September - 19<sup>th</sup> October) and am happy for them to travel by car. I enclose a voluntary contribution of £6.00

Signed .....