

Ashbourne Primary School

Headteacher: Miss Paula Whysall

Chair of Governors: Ashley Tabony



15th July 2020

Dear parent,

Forest School

The dates for the whole class Forest School sessions are below.

Forest School offers children opportunities to achieve, and develop confidence and self-esteem through hands-on learning experiences in an outdoor environment. Tools are used in Forest Schools and are introduced gradually with a structured safety base. The use of tools helps to develop both gross and fine motor skills.

The Forest School sessions will be led by Mrs Cresswell, a Forest School practitioner, and the class teacher.

A typical forest school session might include:

- shelter building
- woodland and traditional crafts
- art and sculpture work
- team and group games
- studying wildlife
- fire lighting
- tool use, including whittling and sawing
- cooking on an open fire

As the children will be using tools and learning how to light fires, please let us know if you would prefer your child not to take part.

Forest School takes place regardless of the weather, so please ensure that your child comes on Forest School days with:

- **a set of old clothes and warm layers to change into**
- **a waterproof coat**
- **a warm hat and gloves in cold weather**
 - **a sunhat in hot weather**
- **suitable shoes or boots**

The dates for September/October are:

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Wednesday 16th September	6VA
Wednesday 23rd September	6D
Wednesday 30th September	5O
Wednesday 7th October	4C
Tuesday 13th October	3M
Wednesday 14th October	2DT
Wednesday 21st October	1/2ET
Thursday 22nd October	Miss Toone's class

Kind regards,

Paula Whysall

Headteacher