

Ashbourne Primary School

Headteacher: Miss Paula Whysall

Chair of Governors: Ashley Tabony



October 14th 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 November/December are:

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Wednesday 4th November	6D
Tuesday 10th November	6VA
Wednesday 11th November	5O
Wednesday 18th November	4C
Tuesday 24th November	3M
Wednesday 25th November	2DT
Wednesday 2nd December	1/2ET
Wednesday 9th December	Miss Toone's class

Kind regards,

Paula Whysall

Headteacher