



Forest's Cool – Buds Class

Dear Parents,

Your child is being offered the opportunity to take part in a range of outdoor activities. This will consist of six 2-hour sessions every week. Our Buds class will be able to reap the benefits of time spent in our wonderful woodland onsite. Children learn best from first hand experiences. Exploring, playing and learning using a range of activities (both designed by the leader and instigated by the children themselves) is what forest school is all about. 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.

These sessions will be based in the woodland classroom adjacent to the school field. The sessions will take place on a weekly basis and will be an extension of and support learning in the classroom. Forest's Cool will begin on **Monday 24th September for 6 weeks.**

The activities will vary but may include:

- Shelter building
- Nature hunts
- Mud Play
- Use of tools such as palm drills and knives – all closely monitored in groups of 2 or 3 children at a time
- Fire lighting skills and cooking over an open fire

To enable the children to participate in these exciting outdoor experiences we require parents/carers to ensure the following happens on **Mondays:**

Kit List

Please ensure that your child:

- Has either old trainers, wellington boots or waterproof boots at school (depending on the weather forecast).
- Has old leggings/tracksuit bottoms that can get wet and a rain coat depending on the weather forecast or in colder, rainy weather the children can use the school waterproof suits.
- Has a long-sleeved top with them at school.
- Has a hat, gloves, and scarf as it begins to get cooler.

The children must have their legs and arms covered to reduce the risk of bites, stings and scratches. They will go out in all weathers and there will undoubtedly be plenty of mud and water involved so old clothes are best!

We hope that you will agree that this is a fantastic opportunity for your child and their learning. Please sign and return the consent form below.

If you have any questions or queries concerning any of the above please do get in touch.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Hawkins, Mrs Saheed and Mrs Stevens

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I, being the parent/carer of

agree/do not agree for my child to participate in the Forest's Cool activities at Halstead Community Primary School.

I understand that my child may get bruised, scratched or stung due to being in an outdoor woodland environment.

Signed: Print name:.....