

# Forest School at Granby

Forest School is starting after October half term. Sessions will run every other Friday morning to allow both Foundation stage classes to have a turn. The newsletter and ParentMail will inform you exactly which dates your child will be taking part in Forest School sessions.

We will use Aylestone Meadows for our Forest School sessions, taking advantage of the environment right on our doorstep. During a Forest School session, we do ensure the children have access to drinks, hot chocolate in the colder weather and cool water/juice in the warmer weather and snacks throughout the morning. We ask that a **donation of £2** is made per child to cover the cost for the year. Please hand this to your child's teacher.

The only time it is **unsafe** to go into our wood is during very icy days, thunder storms or **high winds**, due to branches falling off without warning. This does mean that we will be out in all other weathers such as rain, cold frosty days and hopefully some sunny days! We will of course let you know on the morning of the sessions, via ParentMail, if the session is cancelled. To enable your child to enjoy Forest School sessions to the full, they need to be kitted out in suitable clothing. Please remember **"There is no such thing as bad weather, only bad clothing!"**

Below is a list of clothing that is either essential or preferable. **Please name all items!**

If the weather is cold/raining it is essential that all children have:

- Wellington Boots.
- Thick socks.
- Warm waterproof coat.
- Warm jumper/top.
- Long thick trousers.
- Warm hat.
- Gloves.
- Scarf.

Preferable clothing for cold weather:

- Waterproof trousers. (We do have some in school but if you have your own that is great)

## **Sunny /warm weather**

If the weather is warm and sunny it is essential that children have:

- Sun hat.
- Sun cream (applied before the session at home)
- **Long** thin trousers
- **Long** sleeved top.
- Trainers / wellington boots (No open sandals / flip-flops)

Please be aware that clothes and footwear may get very muddy so do ensure your child is not wearing anything you do not want to get spoilt.

Bring your child to school in their Forest School clothes and bring their uniform in a **NAMED** bag so we can change once we are back. Please **do not** come into classrooms in wellingtons. We will change into wellingtons just before we go, so please send your child in school shoes and bring wellies in their bag, or leave them in school on the wellie rack