



St. John's CE Primary School

Growing and learning together
Sharing the love of God

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Forest School After School Club – Years 5 & 6

This year we are excited to introduce a new Forest School After School Club. Forest School encourages the development of children's emotional and physical development through outdoor activities. The sessions will undertake tasks **(in all weather, excluding high winds and thunder storms)** such as shelter building, tree planting, bug hunting, knot tying as well as carefully guided activities around a campfire (including cooking and eating!) and the use of simple tools. All activities are checked for safety and risk assessments are carried out.

The club will be run by Mrs Emily Stiles, who is a qualified teacher and Forest School Leader, and supported by a member of St John's staff. Mrs Stiles also runs her own forest school business, Hob's Bottom, and is looking forward to bringing her knowledge and expertise to our school. The club takes place every Wednesday 3.30 – 4.30pm. The first session will be on Wednesday 3rd January and the last on Wednesday 7th February. **There are 16 places available and will be offered on a first come, first served basis. This is managed by Arbor and when the club becomes full, you will no longer be able to book a place. Please go to 'Quick Actions', click on 'Clubs' and select the appropriate club. Booking opens at 6pm on Tuesday 5th December and closes at 6pm on Tuesday 2nd January.**

To have the most fun, children must have appropriate clothing for being outside in all weather. Suggested kit list include shorts and t-shirt but, ideally legs and arms covered, in hot weather and a waterproof coat (with a hood), waterproof trousers, long sleeved top, trousers, warm socks, wellies, gloves and woolly hat for cold/wet weather. Please bring in a bag of suitable clothing ready for the first session. The children will change clothes after school, ready for the club, but please be aware that the children may come home muddy/wet/smelly (campfire) on these days as we will be unable to change them before you collect.

Please Note:

- At the beginning of the spring term, it is darker as the clubs finish therefore, we would like ALL children to be collected from the clubs.
- Children must be collected promptly from the office at 4.30pm. *Please be aware that the college gate and Lodmoor gate are now locked from 3.30pm so please use the main entrance on Coombe Avenue.*
- **Cancellation** – if a club is cancelled for any reason, you will receive an In-App Message. Please ensure that your Arbor App/Parent Portal is set up and you are able to read these messages.
- Permission slips – a link to an online form will be sent via email. Please ensure this is completed by someone with parental responsibility.
- Please provide a drink and snack each week.

Yours sincerely,

Amanda Aze
Headteacher



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