



Dear Parents/Carers

September 2020

Year 6 Outdoor Club – Every Friday for 5 weeks 3.30-4.30pm

We are about to start the 1st cycle of Forest schools this academic year. The club will run from September 18th for 5 weeks (18.09/25.9/2.10/9.10/16.10)

At HMS we have added Forest School to our curriculum in KS2. This activity has been an exciting development and the pupils who are attending enjoy the experience of learning in the outdoors. To build on this success we are intending to offer an Extra Curricular Forest School club for the children in Key Stage 2. The Outdoor Club will be run by Anna Gray who works in a number of schools in the area delivering outdoor learning and Forest School. To find out more about who she is and what she does please go to www.growandlearnoutdoors.org.

The club will take place on the school field, in the wooded area, where we will be exploring the natural environment, taking part in creative activities, using tools and cooking on a fire, to name a few things. The children will learn a variety of skills and gain a love of working outdoors. We intend to go out in all weathers (apart from high wind, which would be too dangerous in the trees) so the children will need to be fully equipped for cold and wet conditions (waterproof trousers and jackets, extra layers and wellies or boots. Jeans are not appropriate to wear as they become uncomfortable and cold when wet). Due to the time of year the club will take place when it is getting dark, which will add to the excitement! If the children have torches/head torches that they would like to bring that would be great.

Unfortunately, the nature of the club means that we cannot cater for large numbers of children; we are limited to approximately 15 children. We therefore will be allocating places on a first come first served basis. If necessary, we will pull names out of a hat to make it as fair as possible. We intend to run the club in 6 week blocks so that more children get the chance to attend and enjoy the experience of learning outdoors. So if your child is not successful this time round they will hopefully get the chance to attend in future sessions.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

Yours faithfully

Mrs Anna Gray, Mr P Gaines and Miss E Kingett

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Please return slip to school by Thursday 17th September 2020

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I would like my child to take part in the 1st cycle of 'Outdoor club' and confirm that they will be able to attend all sessions beginning 18 September 2020.

Name of child Class.....

Signed Parent/Carer Date

Print Name.....