

Tuesday 9th September 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

An exciting opportunity has recently come up which we hope, with your consent, we will be able to take up! We have been asked by Sussex Wildlife Trust if we would like to bring all of Year 3 to Woods Mill on **Thursday 2nd October** in the afternoon to help with the training of their latest cohort of students who are currently studying to qualify as Level 3 Forest School Leaders

The plan at the moment is that we will be getting to Woods Mill using Hurst minibuses, have a packed lunch there on arrival, do the activities, and then for the **parents to come to Woods Mill at 3pm** to pick them up from there – there is a largish car park there, so there should be enough room for everyone to collect their child. Of course, if you were able to organise sharing the lifts, that would be even better!

We will be going out ***whatever the weather***, and with this in mind, we have included a simple kit list, which we hope you will be able to get ready before we start. Rest assured, we won't be going out if it's too windy or if there is any thunder about, but the idea is that the children experience the natural world at Woods Mill, come rain or shine. Hopefully the weather will be kind to us.

As mentioned above, the children will be outside, following a variety of Forest School activities based on elements of natural crafts, wood/bush crafts, natural history, games and teamwork, environmental studies and countryside lore.

Getting 'dirty' is inevitable, so listed below are items which would be essential for the children to have with them on the day:

- Waterproof cagoule or similar
- Waterproof trousers
- Walking boots (If you only have wellington boots, PLEASE ensure that children have WARM, THICK socks as feet can become very cold in this type of footwear.)
- Jumper or sweat shirt or fleece for warmth
- Old trousers and **long-sleeve** top
- Scarf/hat/cap

They should come to school dressed ready to do outdoor activities, as we will be leaving school at 11:45am and will have no time to change.

The children will need to bring a packed lunch with them (Please ensure that no nut products are included in your child's packed lunch). If you are unable to provide a packed lunch for your child, one can be provided under the Universal Free School Meals programme (i.e. a sandwich, piece of fruit, biscuit and a small drink). To order a packed lunch, please book via ParentPay and select 'Chartwells Trip Lunch FREE SCHOOL MEALS ONLY' by Thursday 11th September. Packed lunches cannot be ordered after this date. If you have booked a hot lunch, please could this be cancelled to avoid wastage.

Please log in to ParentPay to give consent for your child to take part. There is no charge for this trip, so only consent is required. If we do not receive your permission, your child will not be able to go.

We also need 3 parent helpers, so if you are available and would like to help out, please email the school office; office@stpetershenfield.org.uk

Mr. David Tombling and Miss Rachael Heyes, Forest School Leaders