



Maidstone Infant School

Executive Head Teacher: Mrs Lizzie Girling

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Dear parents/ carers,

The children have been enjoying 'Forest Schools' sessions using our outdoor area at Maidstone every Tuesday afternoon. The philosophy of Forest Schools is to encourage and inspire individuals of any age through positive outdoor experiences.

By participating in engaging, motivating and achievable tasks and activities in a woodland environment each child has an opportunity to develop motivation, sound emotional and social skills.

This term we have the exciting opportunity to use the designated forest schools site at Causton to enhance our experience each week.

We will be walking to Causton straight after registration on a Tuesday afternoon and returning to Maidstone in time for assembly at 2.45pm. Pick up time will remain the same as always, 3.10 at Maidstone.

Please could you send in a pair of named wellington boots in a named carrier bag for your child. These can be kept in school on your child's peg. As the weather can be changeable, please ensure that your child has a suitable coat, hat, gloves etc for the hour long outdoor session.

We plan to go ahead with the session during most weather conditions as these can provide great learning experiences. However, if it is very wet or cold we will cancel the session.

We intend to start our sessions on Tuesday 15th January. Please speak to a member of staff if you have any questions.

Many thanks,

Mrs Veal and Mrs Clarkson

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