

Little Explorers Forest & Farm School News September 2019

Important Dates

- 14-18 October – Half Term -Forest School is closed
- Friday 20th December- Forest school closes for Christmas holidays

Welcome

Welcome to our first term at Little Explorers Forest & Farm School. What a fantastic start to the year we've had. The weather has been kind to us, and the children and staff are relishing the sunshine and fresh air. With the imminent change in weather upon us, its important we're all prepared. Thank you to all parents/carers for sending appropriate clothing. Water-proof trousers and coats and wellingtons are essential. Please also ensure your child has with them 2 full changes of clothes, including socks and shoes.

Burbage Site Update

Planning has been resubmitted for the building and we should hear by the end of November whether our builders can start work on the outdoor classroom.

Lunchboxes

Thankyou for your continued support of our healthy eating policy. Just a reminder that we kindly ask you don't send snacks such as crisps, chocolate, including chocolate spread sandwiches and fruit juice.

Tapestry

We hope you have enjoyed looking at the pictures we have put onto Tapestry as much as we have had taking them. The children are so keen for us to take lots of pictures so they can show you their adventures. Please feel free to continue to put other adventures on there so we can share them too.

Assessments

You may have noticed that your child is being assessed at different ages and stages at forest and farm school compared to playgroup. This is to be expected as children may learn differently in varied environments. Forest School environment enables children to process information and think critically in a very different way to when they are indoors. Initially, there may be a difference to the milestones they are assessed at compared to indoors and this is because they have not yet learned how to transfer these newly acquired skills into alternative environments. To ensure assessing of children's abilities is transparent across the Little Explorer's group, staff will visit their shared key children in each setting to share their knowledge. Also, sharing home learning by using Tapestry helps to achieve a holistic view of each child.

Stay and Plays.

In the next few weeks we will release our stay and play dates for you to come and visit and share your child's learning at Forest School. The mini-bus will provide transport to and from the Forest so places will be limited and allocated on a first come first served basis. There will be lots of opportunities to come and see us throughout the year.

Safeguarding

[Nspcc.org.uk/preventingabuse/keeping-children-safe](https://nspcc.org.uk/preventingabuse/keeping-children-safe) is a link we would like to share with you. It offers parents and carers advice on how to keep your children safe online.

Safeguarding is everyone's business. We have put on Tapestry the flow chart of what to do if you are concerned about a child. Please feel free to talk to any of our staff team if you are still unsure what to do. Thank you for your continued support, Alison, Laura, Becky and Sian.