Ashdown
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Dear Parents,

Friday 13th October

This year we are developing a very exciting outdoor learning project for all classes in Key Stage 1. This will support the development of both fine and gross motor skills, increase children's awareness of the countryside and natural world, linking with our Eco School status, whilst enhancing mental, physical & social wellbeing.

Each term, for a total of six weeks, one class will attend an outdoor learning session led by 2 instructors from 'The Great Out-tours Company' one morning a week. The instructors, led by Mr John Brooksbank, are fully DBS checked and first aid trained. The children will experience outdoor learning using carefully themed practical activities from our countryside, linked directly to the learning in the classroom and the national Curriculum.

Your child is a member of Foxes Class and they will begin their outdoor learning programme on Thursday 2nd November. They will be supported by their Class Teacher, Mr Stuart Gosling.

Please send your child to school dressed in suitable outdoor clothing. They will need trousers, long sleeved tops and wellingtons, plus coats / waterproof clothing in response to the weather for each session. Please ensure clothing is **suitable for outdoor learning.**

As the session is for the morning only they will need to bring their school uniform to change into.

I have outlined the timetable below for your information.

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FOXES OUTDOOR LEARNING TIMETABLE	
Session 1	Thursday 2nd November
Session 2	Thursday 9th November
Session 3	Thursday 16th November
Session 4	Thursday 23rd November
Session 5	Thursday 30th November
Session 6	Thursday 7th December

We are looking forward to developing the use of our fabulous outdoor learning environment for all classes at the Infant Site and are thrilled that your children will have the opportunity to experience this special way of learning.

Mrs Becky McAteer
Foundation Stage Leader
Outdoor Learning Leader

Mrs Kate Owbridge
Executive Head of School