



Dear Parents/Carers,

We will be taking part in **Outdoor Classroom Day on Friday 18th May 2018.**

This will involve the whole school participating in worthwhile learning opportunities in the Outdoors! This day also happens to be a non-uniform day so children are strongly encouraged to dress in suitable outdoor wear including warm clothing, wellies and waterproofs (just in case). Sun cream and sun hats are also recommended if we are lucky enough to see any signs of sunshine. The advice is to be prepared whatever the weather! Year 6 children will be off site in the morning but will join the rest of the school for the afternoon.

Outdoor Classroom Day is a day to celebrate outdoor learning and play, and to inspire schools everywhere to make outdoor learning and play part of every day.

Why does Thorn Grove want to participate?

In a recent research study;

95% of teachers say taking lessons outdoors make them more enjoyable

90% of pupils who go outdoors to learn feel happier and healthier

96% of parents say play enables children to become well-rounded adults

As well as teaching children critical life skills, schools that introduce more freedom to play and more outdoor learning see less bullying, fewer accidents and greater readiness to learn. Children and teachers say it makes school much more enjoyable too.

Every class will be outside for most of the day. Even our school dinners will be provided as a picnic lunch!

Each class teacher will devise learning for their class based on relevant topic links such as field work, physical activity, investigative learning and outdoor play.

The afternoon will include a carefully supervised camp fire where each class will have an opportunity to toast marshmallows. (This will be weather dependent!)

If you or a family member would like to be involved in our Outdoor Learning Day please speak to your child's class teacher. Additional adults will really enhance the experience for the children and staff.

Thank you for your continued support

Kass Arnold