

30th September 2019

Dear Parents

Following on from last year's success, we are delighted that we will continue to work with the Heart of England Forest as part of their outdoor learning programme. The children in Classes 2, 3 and 4 will each have the opportunity to spend a day each term at the Heart of England Forest site at Middle Spernal. Our class teachers are working closely with the Education development officer to plan outdoor learning activities that will link to the curriculum and topics that we are covering in school. The Heart of England Forest days will provide the children with a range of enjoyable and challenging learning opportunities which will then link back to and provide a stimulus for learning that will be completed back at school. The dates for the Heart of England Forest days are as follows:

	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4
Autumn	Tuesday 15/10/19	Monday 14/10/19	Wednesday 16/10/19
Spring	Tuesday 17/3/20	Monday 16/3/20	Wednesday 18/3/20
Summer	Tuesday 19/5/20	Monday 18/5/20	Wednesday 20/5/20

We have organized coaches to transport the children to and from Middle Spernal and would like to ask for a contribution towards the cost of the visits of £4 per term. (The cost of the visits has increased this year as there is now a charge for the sessions at Heart of England which we did not have to pay last year.) The PTA will be making a contribution towards the cost of the visits and you can either pay your contribution termly or if you prefer the full amount of £12 can be paid this term. There is no obligation for you to pay, but if we do not receive contributions from the majority of the class, we will not be able to go ahead with the visits. Please speak to me or Mrs Hendry, in confidence, if paying will cause a problem for you. Payment may be made by cash, cheque (payable to Temple Grafton School) sent in in a named envelope or via School Money. A notification will be sent to you from School Money as soon as that payment facility is available; all payments for this term to be made by Friday 11th October.



On the days that the children are timetabled to visit Middle Spenal they should come to school dressed in suitable outdoor clothing as they would for Forest School with plenty of warm layers and waterproofs. All children will need to bring a packed lunch, snack and drinks on their Forest School days. As with all trips, we ask that no fizzy drinks, yoghurts, glass bottles or sweets are packed. The visits will take place within school hours and children will be back in school before the end of the school day. We will send out reminders of the dates each term.

If any parents or family members would be interested in volunteering to help on any of the days please let the office know.

Kind regards

Mrs Sarah Hendry

