

Newsletter 11<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to our new Autumn term.

It has been an absolute pleasure to see the children back in school this week. It is a slightly different learning environment but the children are all very happy and settled in their 'bubbles'. We have welcomed several new families to Cotton End Forest School this term and hope that they all enjoy their time here with us.

Each class has been to Forest School this week and enjoyed lots of activities including mud painting, exploring natural materials and making habitats for woodland creatures. The children have also already started some of their history topic work and have been enthusiastically telling me about their learning during our online school assembly.

Our grounds have developed tremendously over the summer and we are hopeful that we will become home for a wide range of wildlife. We were very excited to find that we have some common lizards that have taken up residence in one of our log piles, the children have been researching facts about them. Butterflies have been plentiful and enjoyed the meadow flowers around our swales and a variety of different birds have been spotted on site too.

We are constantly reviewing our school day and adapting things if and when required. Please bear with us while we sort out a few teething issues. With this in mind could I please ask you not to park in Trow Close or any other neighbouring areas to drop off or collect your children. We have a huge car park which can accommodate everyone and is only a very short, safe walk to whichever gate you may need to be at. The car park at the front of the school is for staff and disabled parking only, please use the large car park and help to keep our children safe.

Polite reminder-dogs are not allowed on the school site-thank you.

From next Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September we would like Year 4, Eagles class, to be dropped off and collected from Gate 4 at the Forest School end of the large car park. This will help to minimise the amount of people having to use the pavement next to the main road.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Kind regards

Karen Headland

Headteacher