



Milford Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Our Year 5 children have been invited to take part in a series of Forest School sessions next term. The Forest School initiative originated in Denmark in the early 1980s and is based around the idea of running a regular outdoors classroom. The basic aims are to increase children's confidence, initiative, independence, group and co-operation skills and appreciation and knowledge of the natural world.

This series of sessions is being organised by 'Wild Things', who are an ecological education collective based in Belper. They have secured partial funding for a group from both Milford and Herbert Strutt Primary School to attend the sessions at Shining Cliff Woods near Ambergate. See www.wildthings.org.uk for more information about Wild Things.

The children will be taken from school to Shining Cliff by Amber Valley Community transport and will be accompanied by Mrs Whitehall and Mrs Williams. The sessions will be as follows:

Thursday 1st May (pm)
Thursday 8th May (pm)
Thursday 15th May (pm)
Thursday 5th June (pm)
Friday 13th June (all day)

The afternoon sessions will require the children to leave at 12:15 and to bring sandwiches. They will leave c. 9:15 on the all day session. They will return c. 3:15 on each of the five days.

The children will need to wear clothes which can get muddy and are not too precious! They will need a waterproof coat, long trousers and shoes/boots/wellies that will protect their feet.

If you would like your child to take part in the Forest Schools sessions, please complete the Wild Things consent form and return it to school on **Monday 28th April**.

In order to help cover the cost of transport, we are asking for a contribution of £2 per session per child, a total of £10. **Please make cheques payable to Milford Primary School.** Thank you.

Simon Field
Headteacher