

6th May 2016

Dear Parent / Guardian

Your child is invited to take part in an exciting Forest School programme at Panshanger Park where we will visit local woodland for a half-day session once a week for 5 weeks. The dates for the Forest School sessions are as follows;

- Friday 10th June
- Friday 17th June
- Friday 24th June
- Friday 1st July
- Friday 15th July

The Forest School is run by trained Forest School Leaders from Herts and Middlesex Wildlife Trust, who are working in partnership with Tarmac to deliver an exciting Forest School initiative based at Panshanger Park. Forest Schools are designed to inspire children through a long term, educational approach to outdoor play and learning in the natural environment. The programme will support the national curriculum whilst also enabling your child to build confidence and develop their social and creative skills. If you would like to find out more about the Panshanger Park Forest School visit the website www.hertswildlifetrust.org.uk/forestschool

The cost for your child to attend the 5 week programme is £30 which we hope you will find reasonable and of good value for the experience your child will gain. No profits are made by Herts and Middlesex Wildlife Trust from their education and community services, in fact they are subsidised in many ways. Free minibus transport is available thanks to funding from Tarmac.

If you are happy for your child to attend please fill in and return the photo consent form enclosed along with your payment. Please return these forms by Friday 20th May. You will also find enclosed a 'what to wear' guide, please make sure your child is appropriately dressed.

We are looking for parent helpers to accompany us on our visits and your assistance would be very much appreciated. Children will attend the Forest School for a half day each week and will alternate between an afternoon and morning session. If you think you may be able to help for one or more of the sessions please complete the slip below and return to Carys Goodman by Friday 20th May.

Yours sincerely,

Carys Goodman
Forest School Leader

Panshanger Forest School for Year 6 – return by Friday 20th May

Child's Name _____

Parent's Name: _____

I am able to help with Forest School on ...

Friday 10 th June am	Friday 10 th June pm
Friday 17 th June am	Friday 17 th June pm
Friday 24 th June am	Friday 24 th June pm
Friday 1 st July am	Friday 1 st July pm
Friday 15 th July am	Friday 15 th July pm

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Parental Information for helping out at Panshanger Park Forest School:

Thank you so much for offering to assist at Panshanger Forest School in the Summer Term. Your help is invaluable as the ethos of Forest School promotes a high adult to child ratio.

Should you be unable to attend on a particular day, please contact the school in the morning.

Although I understand that you would like to be working with your child, please be aware that we alternate whether the children attend the morning or afternoon session, so there may be occasions when your child will not be attending the same session as yourself.

Panshanger Forest School is situated on the B1000 from Hertford. There is a map attached, although I would recommend following the minibus from the Children's Centre carpark. The minibus collects the children at 9am and returns at around midday and then leaves at 12.45pm and returns at 3.30pm in the afternoon. You will need to drive your car to the site, as the minibus only seats 15 children and 1 member of staff.