

St Bernadette's Catholic Primary School 'Doing our best for God'

Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> March 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week will be Mrs Toppings last week in school. We sincerely thank her for her dedication and often giving of her own time to the Forest School initiative. She has supported us in making this provision possible for our children so they are able to see beyond learning in the classroom.

After Easter, the children will still have the opportunity to learn outside. It will be led by the class teacher with support from the teaching assistant and Mr Wright (Grandad) who has kindly offered to continue volunteering in school.

The children will still be able to work in the 'outdoor area' provided for this learning and wear suitable clothing; we will call the sessions 'Outdoor Learning.' The staff will follow a programme of lessons which will incorporate a better understanding of their environment. They will be able to use the designated growing beds to take ownership of this area from planting to harvesting. Work cooperatively, solve tasks, share equipment, think creatively and be able to show great resilience when things are not always going to plan.

A letter with more information about class sessions will be sent out after Easter.

Yours sincerely,

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