



Dear Parent/Carer,

Following the success of our 'Empty Classroom Week' last year, we are pleased to inform you that we will be celebrating this event again. It is a global event, celebrated this year on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May. However as a school we wanted every year group to have a whole day using all our outside spaces. Therefore we have dedicated a whole week.

This will be during the **week beginning 21<sup>st</sup> May**. Please see the timetable below:

Day	Year Group
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	Year 6
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Year 1 and 2
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Year 5
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	EYFS
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 3 and 4

Nationally, statistics confirm that children are having less time playing outside and as a school we are passionate about the benefits that the outdoors provides. Some of the benefits include; developing children's problem solving, risk taking and thinking skills as well as their team building, personal and social development and speaking and listening skills and so much more!

Each year group will be planning the whole day outside including having their lunch outside as a class. The school will be providing a packed lunch on that day for children that normally have a school lunch, which the children will have in the courtyard. Activities will range from the mud kitchen, bug hunting, gardening, treasure and scavenger hunts and orienteering to name but a few!

Please make sure that on your child's day they wear a **lightweight long sleeved t -shirt and tracksuit or leggings to allow them the freedom to get dirty and feel comfortable! If a lot of rain is forecast then they will need a waterproof coat and trousers for that day. If it is sunny then a sun hat and sun cream applied please. A water bottle will be essential on that day.**

If you are someone that would like to get involved during this special week and you are DBS checked, please let your child's teacher know, as the more help we have the more adventurous we can be!

Kind regards,

The 'Empty Classroom' Week Team