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Dear Parents / Carer

We introduced OPAL Play at lunchtimes after May half term and we are continuing to develop new zones for children to play in. So far, we have a tyre track for wheeled play, a mud kitchen, cardboard play, a small world area, a Lego area, a fancy-dress zone and a new music wall. The children are being more creative in their play and enjoying the choices they get to make. Thank you very much for the donations we have already received to make this creative play possible.

Wellies and waterproofs

As the weather is changing moving into the winter months, we are asking children to bring in suitable clothing to use during OPAL. We appreciate that children may be coming home with muddy clothes and shoes and are trying to find ways to minimise this, without removing the option of them playing on our fantastic field all year round.

For after half-term, children will only be permitted to play on the field in wet or muddy conditions if they have **wellington boots**. Please ensure that these are clearly labelled with your child's name and brought to school in a plastic bag. They can be stored on your child's peg or in their locker throughout the week. We also recommend having a spare pair of socks in school.

Children wearing their normal school shoes will still be allowed to play on the playground.

Please also remember that children go outside in all weathers, including light rain, so it is important that they have a **suitable waterproof coat** in school each day. This will help ensure they can continue to enjoy outdoor play and learning comfortably throughout the winter months.

Donations

We are hoping to build a collection of spare wellington boots and coats for children who have forgotten them. However, this would not be enough for every child. If you have any pairs of wellington boots or waterproof coats that your child has outgrown, we would be very grateful to have them in school.

In addition, if you have any Lego or fancy-dress clothing that your child no longer uses, these are proving very popular and we would be very grateful to add them to our OPAL equipment.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards



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