



The Forest School

Every Child, Every Chance

October 2019

Dear Parent/Carer

SPORT AND PLAYGROUND FACILITIES PROJECT – FUNDRAISING

We are enjoying all the new facilities the building project has provided for us, and we can now focus our attention on improving the sports and playground facilities around school. We are really excited to now be planning our next phase of improvements for our pupils, I and am sure that you will support us in any way you can.

Some of our existing playground was used to provide additional classroom space in school, and during the summer of 2019 some of our existing play equipment failed the annual safety test, and had to be removed.

It is really important for us to maximise the school grounds to their full potential to give pupils all year round sports and play facilities. It is part of our School Development Plan and PE and Sport Premium Statement that we develop the quality of education in school, commit to engaging all pupils in regular physical activity, have a broader range of sports and activities offered to all pupils, have active playgrounds and increased participation in competitive sports.

We are therefore looking to improve the outdoor sports and play facilities at school by doing the following :-

- **Installation a MUGA (Multi Use Games Area) on the school field for enhanced PE and sport provision and as an additional all weather play area during the school day and for after school sports clubs. (subject to planning permission)**
- **Early Years and Main School Playground – Install new play equipment and safety surfaces**

The cost of such large scale improvements cannot be met by the school budget, and we are therefore launching a fund raising campaign to enable us to proceed with these plans.

We have recently appointed Jill Bryant as a Sports Facilities Fundraising Project Manager, to co-ordinate this and if you are able to help us with our fund raising campaign in any way, please do contact her by email bryantj@forest.n-yorks.sch.uk. There are lots of ways you can help us out without it costing you anything.

ONLINE SHOPPING – Home or Workplace purchasing

Raise FREE funds for The Forest School, Knaresborough every time you shop online. You can support us by shopping via Give as you Live and each purchase you make will raise money for the school! These will cost you nothing.

<https://www.giveasyoulive.com/join/forestschoolfund>

Or for Amazon purchases - <https://.smile.amazon.co.uk>

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BAGS2SCHOOLS

Please save your old clothes, shoes and textiles – we are having a collection here in school which will boost our fundraising and also reduce items going to landfill waste. Collection bags will be sent home shortly.

COMPANY Matched Giving/Funding Schemes

Many companies offer their employees the chance to take part in a matched funding scheme. If you are lucky enough to work for a company that offers this, please let us know if you are able to help

VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITY

The Forest School have been chosen as one of the beneficiaries of the Charity Bonfire held on the Stray in Harrogate on Saturday 2nd November. We are looking for volunteers to collect donations between 5:30 and 8:00 pm. If you are able to help, please let us know.

SCHOOL WEBSITE

If you would just like to make a donation towards this project – you can visit the home page of the school website <http://forest.n-yorks.sch.uk/> to make a donation .

We will keep you informed of how we are doing with our fundraising, and let you know of any other opportunities that you could become involved in.

Yours sincerely



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