

"A child has the right to rest and leisure, to engage in play and recreational activities"
Unicef Article 31

"To ensure that every child has an amazing playtime everyday with no exceptions" (OPAL)



Despite us being in mid-December, we are still accessing all of our school grounds each lunchtime, playing in the sandpit, dressing up and children still choosing to eat their packed lunch outside in their dens.

We now have our welly washing station set up to clean down particularly muddy wellies and trousers and we've been enjoying seasonal arts and crafts.

We recently spoke with all the children to find out what they love playing with and also what they would like more of and new ideas they have. The scooters and rides-ons are very popular and this is something that we are in need of—scooters, go karts, ride on vehicles and even old buggies and pushchairs.

The children would also like more craft items, trowels to use in the digging area and planting station (the pop up greenhouse will be out next term ready for the children to start planting their seeds), plus any large loose parts such as blue barrels, planks of wood and cable reels—if you are in the building/removals trade and can help out with these large items, please do get in touch.

Our loose parts donations list is below and has also been sent via ParentMail.

Many of you may be having a clear out before Christmas, so any items you are taking to the charity shop or throwing out, please do consider us first.

Thank you for your ongoing support and understanding—particularly at this very wet and muddy time of year. Please remember send in spare clothing and socks in case your child gets wet and also remind your child that we do have spare waterproofs and wellies for them to borrow.

Our Opal Charter

The Rights Respecting School Council worked with their classmates earlier this term to review our school Opal Play





This is what our lunch times
look like in the
Winter...





This month's loose parts collection...



Dolls / Barbies
& Accessories

Trowels/
spades



Dressing up



- hats (different shapes/sizes)
- jackets - normal clothes
- bags