

7th January 2019

Dear Parents,

### Learning Outdoors

Firstly, thank you for your generosity at Christmas and recent fundraising events. We have raised £1347.50 towards a number of outdoor learning projects including a new canopy for Year 1. We have set up a Just Giving page to try to reach our £10,000 target.

[https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/christ-church-sandwell?utm\\_term=jyvqBEpdP](https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/christ-church-sandwell?utm_term=jyvqBEpdP)

We are also, thanks to a National Lottery Awards for All grant, enhancing our outdoor provision for health and fitness with cardio and strength gym equipment. We look forward to the installation and launch of this exciting project in the New Year.

From the Spring term, we are increasing the percentage of time the children spend learning outside of the classroom. Research shows that there are many benefits associated with this including making learning more memorable, increased motivation, better attitudes about the environment and improved mental health and wellbeing.

The children will have the opportunity weekly in English, Maths and Topic or Science, to learn actively in the outdoor environment. We look forward to sharing our experiences with you.

In order to keep your child/ren warm and dry and protect their shoes, we ask that **from 21st January you provide a pair of well-fitting wellies to stay in school during term time and send them in with a warm / waterproof coat, gloves and hat when the weather is poor.**

Thank you for your support.