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Dear Parent/Carer

At Newton Tony Primary School (CE VC), we take pride in our outdoor learning approach, where children have the opportunity to experience the changes of nature alongside the seasons. Over the last couple of years, Newton Tony Primary School has been working hard to develop our Wilderness Warriors base camp sessions.

Hedgehog Class Wilderness Warriors sessions will begin on 17th April 2024, at the beginning of the Summer 1 term. Wilderness Warrior sessions will be once a week, on a Wednesday afternoon.

Learning outside the classroom is an inspirational concept providing learning opportunities, through practical activities in the outdoor environment. Children enjoy the freedom to explore and experience the natural world, in all seasons and in all weathers. Wilderness Warriors embraces an approach of nurturing, supporting and developing the self-esteem of the participants. It is an ideal environment in which to develop innovation, problem solving, risk-taking, creativity and teamwork.

The safety and the welfare of the pupils participating in Wilderness Warriors is paramount and therefore all tasks are age appropriate and risk assessed. For your child to participate in Wilderness Warriors sessions, please complete the attached consent form.

Wilderness Warriors will be led by Mrs Clarke and Mrs Leatham. If you have any questions about these sessions, please feel free to contact Mrs Clarke via the office or email dclarke@newtontony.wilts.sch.uk and she will be able to help you.

All children must be appropriately dressed for their learning outside the classroom sessions. The correct clothing is essential for Wilderness Warriors as the sessions will take place in all weather conditions. Children not appropriately dress will not be able to take part.

When it is your child's session they do not need to wear their uniform to school.

- Long sleeved t-shirt
- Trousers, to reduce the risk of bites, sting & scratches.
- Waterproofs eg..light weight raincoat with a hood and some waterproof trousers. Amazon and Ebay sell Regatta-Kids-Pack-Trousers for a very reasonable price.
- Wellies.

- During the summer, a sunhat and sun cream should be supplied.
- During the colder months, extra layers such as a fleece, leggings, tights, hats and gloves are required. (These need to be old clothes, as they may get muddy!)

If you need support to purchase any of the forest school clothing please speak to Miss Priestley. PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOUR CHILD HAS A CLEAN PAIR OF SHOES/TRAINERS TO CHANGE INTO AFTER THE SESSION.

We thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Clarke

Mrs Clarke – Wilderness Warriors Lead

