



# Opal newsletter

The fun has begun! We launched our Opal (Outdoor play & learning) this week and it has been amazing. It has been wonderful to see the children of all ages playing and exploring together. Through recycling and reusing items, we are able to offer the opportunity for all children to be creative through play supporting their mental health & well-being, social skills, physical health and development. It is a start and we look forward to it evolving over the next few years.



### Play zones

- Small world
- Home/role play
- Water play
- Sand play
- Large parts
- Creative play
- Quiet area
- Music play
- Construction
- Woodland area/Mud play
- Bikes/scooters

### Donations

We are looking for the following:

- Balance bikes
- Scooters
- Buggy/strollers (Full size)
- Car seats
- Tarpaulin sheets
- Fabrics, sari's



### Rules of play

We respect one another and resources.

We are kind and share with one another.

We all help to tidy up.

We ask for help when needed.

We include others and help others.

### Parent play sessions

Watch this space, we will be offering parent play sessions each half term. This offers the opportunity for parents/carers to join in the fun and play!

We will share the first date soon for parents to book and all we ask is you donate an item which can be as simple as a cardboard box.



### Wellies!



We would like all children to have wellies or outdoor shoes at school to be worn outdoors so they don't ruin their school shoes.

Please ensure the wellies are name labelled and they will remain at school each half term.

Please also donate any out grown wellies so we can provide for all children.

### Children's quotes

'This is the best day ever'

'We are doing this again? Yes!!!!'

'This is amazing'

'Look at this, it's incredible.'

### Parent feedback

'My child is so happy to come to school and is so excited about the changes to playtime.'

'Thank you for making it fun.'