

POP Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers.

Welcome to our first POP newsletter. What is POP? Pewithall Outdoor Play, which is aimed at enhancing various aspects of your children's playtime experiences, increasing their physical activity, social interaction, imagination, individuality and enjoyment.

Benefits of POP:

During our first few weeks of POP, it has been wonderful to observe the children having fun, being inspired and motivated to play with different resources and in different areas.

We have noticed that there is less time to be bored, children are playing with other children from different year groups and playtime behavioral incidents have reduced.

Not only are the new play opportunities promoting health and well-being, but also children are developing life skills such as cooperation, team work and problem solving.

POP Leaders:

We are now looking at giving some of our KS2 children to take on leadership roles being POP Leaders. Who help to make sure equipment is being used correctly, encouraging participation in play and at the end of playtimes help to collect and return equipment to the correct storage boxes. To be a voice for the other children of what we want to also include on our great playground at lunchtimes.



Activities:

Thank you so much for the donations towards the end of the summer term.

Since the start of the new academic year, our grounds have seen gradual introductions of new zones, activities and resources.

These include toy cars, action figures, fancy dress costumes, Giant Connect 4, music from our boom box, a creative craft zone, our baby and pram area has been a great area and giant Lego blocks. The reading shed has opened and is now a quieter space for children to read in.



How you can help?

As we are working towards making our playtimes more exciting no matter what the weather, we will need some equipment to help us do this. See the list below.



Donations of the following would be greatly appreciated

- Toy cars.
- Dolls/ /Prams
- Bigger size dress up costumes.
- Old Laptops/phones
- Plastic tea sets
- Pots/Pans/Wooden Spoons
- An old outdoor mud kitchen.
- Chalk
- Milk Crates.
- Food delivery crates.

