



OPAL NEWSLETTER

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Updates

New information:

We have opened up the school fields to additional play opportunities. This includes introducing play with larger loose parts - initially tyres. Playing with larger loose parts helps develop children's strength, agility as well as team work and problem solving. They are having a great time. We will next introduce pallets, cable drums, crates and scooters after half-term. For each larger loose part we assess the benefit and risks posed and hold assemblies to inform the children.

Picnic Time

If the weather is fine we are allowing the children to picnic on the field. The children sit on a blanket to eat and a member of staff is nearby. All empty wrappers and uneaten food should be left in their lunchboxes so you know what has been eaten.

Reminders

We will always be wanting a supply of any loose parts you may have hanging around and have no further use for!

Please do continue to drop them off into the OPAL box by reception.

Donation Request

We are specifically looking for donations of the following items:

- Blankets to be used for picnics
- Scooters or other small wheeled rideable items e.g. skateboards, **but not bicycles/pedalled items.**
- Pallets

These donations should be of good quality with no broken parts please.

We ask that children do not bring in any of their own toys or dressing up clothes from home unless they are donations for OPAL.



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