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New outdoor kitchen and digging area.

Non-uniform day - Friday 15th September

We are delighted to share with you some very exciting news. Mrs Pass' father-in-law has been working very hard over the summer holidays and has given up many hours of his time to build our pupils an outdoor kitchen! We know the children will love this and get many hours of creative and imaginative play from it, but we need your help!



We want to inspire the children to bake a feast of goodies using natural resources such as pebbles, shells, leaves, conkers, acorns, fir cones etc using real cooking equipment and utensils such as pots, colanders, ladles, spoons, whisks, cake tins etc. To help us provide these resources we are inviting you to enjoy family walks and collect some natural resources to bring in. We are holding a non-uniform day on **Friday 15th September** in exchange for a cash donation towards equipment or a donation of any unwanted cooking equipment (*please ensure that cooking equipment is safe for use and weatherproof so no sharp edges and ideally metal*).



The new outdoor kitchen and digging area will be a core element of our continuous provision outside and all classes will get a chance to use it at playtimes and during class busy times. It will provide children with many physical opportunities, language-rich imaginative play and increase the opportunity for social development. Of course, it will also be lots of fun! We are providing a set number of aprons for the children to wear so we can monitor the number of chefs in the kitchen and to help keep them clean & dry. Please ensure they have named wellies in school. We will also be sharing rules for safe and kind play in the kitchen, as well as monitoring and supporting children as they bake and dig.



Here at Wootton Bassett Infant School, we see outdoor learning as vitally important in your child's education. We recognise that learning outside boosts children's mental health & well-being, it gives more scope for large physical movements, it is more inclusive meaning that all children can feel a sense of achievement and it makes learning more fun & enjoyable which of course is our school ethos.

Best wishes

Mrs Emily Smith

Outdoor Learning Lead

Ideas for cooking utensils and equipment for our Outdoor Kitchen

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| Cooking utensils | Whisks or rotary whisk (with handle) | Wooden Spoons | Sieve |
| Pots and Pans | Muffin tin or Yorkshire pudding tin | Pestle and mortar (a little one for little hands is great for grinding flowers!) | Jug |
| Potato Masher (amazing for squelching mud!) | Spatula (an essential kitchen utensils for spreading your mud batter!) | Silicone cake cases (because they can be left outside in the wet!) | Funnels (great for pouring water and mud through!) |
| Old microwave | Stainless steel spoons, all sizes | Mixing Bowl | Measuring jugs |
| Measuring Cups | Old set of baking scales | Pipettes or turkey baster | Stainless steel teapots |
| Stainless steel milk jug | Jelly molds | | |

Ideas for Natural items for our Outdoor Kitchen

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| Dried Rose Petals | Acorns | Conkers | Dried Wheat |
| Shells | Herbs | Leaves | Red Lentils |
| Cinnamon Sticks | Stones/ pebbles | Bark | Moss |
| Twigs | Pinecones | Dried Lemon Slices | Dried Orange Slices |