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Dear parent/carer,

As you know, our OPAL team are in the process of developing our playground/field to enhance play across the school. We want to provide an environment that encourages the children to be creative and take calculated risks at break times and lunchtimes. If you want to see this in practice, please watch the video linked here. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XZfrmY9tuCM>

We have welly storage and a sand pit! A huge thank you to Mr Kaur (Mrs Kaur's husband) for taking the time and effort to build us a sand pit. It is on the field ready to be filled with sand in the coming weeks. We are very excited about this and are extremely grateful to Mr Kaur for volunteering to help us.

You will also have seen our new welly storage shelters near the Hatchside building. We are going to be populating our 'Welly Library.' So, if your child has grown out of their wellies, please donate them to the school to be added to our library. This will enable the children to loan a pair of wellies and access the field even when the grass is wet.



Before half term, we are also looking to introduce mud kitchen play to lunchtimes. In order to do this well and reduce the amount of mud going on to uniforms, **we would love a donation of adult shirts**. These can then be worn by children when playing with the mud. **Also a donation of kitchen utensils such as spoons, spatulas, sieves and also shovels and trowels would be great fun.**

We are extremely excited about the next steps and plans and would absolutely love any help that you can offer.

**Please look around your house or on local donation sites for the following:**

- Utensils for mud kitchens
- Shirts/aprons for the mud kitchens
- Wellies
- Small world play (cars, action figures, dolls, dinosaurs etc)
- Dressing up clothes
- Brooms for children to sweep the playground (they love this)
- Sand pit toys (small spades, buckets, rakes etc)
- Suitcases with wheels

Thank you for your continued support.

Mr L Radmore

Assistant Headteacher