

# St. John's Primary School

## Developing our Outdoor Area



### MUD KITCHEN

Dear parents,  
In collaboration with the outdoor Talking Team, we are developing our outdoor area and it would be brilliant if you could help us to kit it out.

**What is a Mud Kitchen:?** "There is little more important in our physical world than earth and water and they are truly intriguing things, especially when they interact. Mixing soil, water and a range of other natural materials has a foundational role in early childhood which has deep importance and endless possibilities for well-being, development and learning. The breadth and depth of what these experiences offer young children is truly remarkable.\*

*(Extract from Making a Mud Kitchen [www.muddyfaces.co.uk](http://www.muddyfaces.co.uk))*

To allow the children the freedom to play, explore and learn to their full extent in the mud kitchen it is really important that children are encouraged to feel the textures of the materials with their fingers, transfer liquids from one container to another to, splash, slop, stir and whizz. To create sticky mud and explore its adaptations.

This means the children **will often become dirty**. We would appreciate donations of waterproof clothing in all sizes and used wellington boots which are in good condition.

#### How you can help.

Do you know a local business that would help us by making donations of materials, time or support?

The talking team would love to get our parents involved in developing our outdoor area. We need help with tidying and maintenance.

We are looking for someone who could spare a couple of hours to build another mud kitchen and some work benches from pallets. This would be very much appreciated.



We are looking for items to build the Outdoor area.



**Do you have any unwanted:**

Pots and pans, jugs or funnels  
Cake tins, bowls and containers and kitchen utensils  
of any sort.

Colanders, chopping boards, small containers, large tubs,  
unusual containers such as jelly moulds or ice-cube trays.  
Washing up bowls and an old cook book with good pictures in.

Also we require items to enhance the building area.  
Planks, wooden logs, small logs and stumps. Pallets, big plastic tubing.

Please ensure any items you supply:

Are made from strong materials that do not shatter dangerously they are clean and well maintained  
cosmetic damage is fine but please check for breaks, sharp edges and nails.

If you have any items you can donate please drop them off at the school office.

Thank you very much

The Outdoor Talking Team

Caroline and Mrs Davis

P.S. if you would like to be involved more please just speak to a member of staff and we can discuss ways  
that you can help out developing our outdoor area.



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