



Dear Parents/Carers,

### **EKO After-School Club**

Following the success of last terms new EKO club we are delighted to be offering it again during the Spring Term.

EKO Club is open to pupils in years 3&4 and runs on Mondays from 3.15-4.45pm, starting on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January. To ensure safe and high quality sessions, the group size is restricted to 16 children, with precedence being given to those children who did not get a place last term. The final session will be on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2017 with our usual family campfire session so please pop it in your diary and join us if you can.

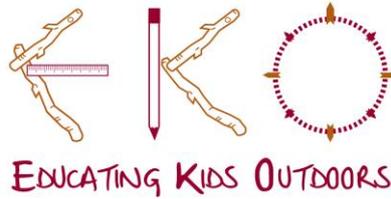
EKO Club takes place outside in the school grounds and is run on 'Forest School' principles and learning. It provides a wonderful opportunity for your child to experience nature and the outdoor environment in a safe, secure and hands on way while getting involved in fun activities that develop a myriad of skills, knowledge and understanding of the natural world. The Club takes place outdoors in all weathers (except high wind or thunderstorms) and **wellies, warm weather appropriate clothing as well as waterproof coat and trousers** will need to be provided. Children are given hot chocolate and a biscuit at the start of each session.

If your child is interested in joining EKO Club, please return the attached Booking Form to school via pupil post by Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2017. We will then contact you if your child has a place. Once a place has been offered, payment for the term, £40, will be required in advance.

We always need an adult helper to support each EKO Club session so if you enjoy the outdoors and are interested in volunteering on a fortnightly or 'three-weekly' basis please let us know by ticking the form. We offer a free place to the volunteer's child each time they support a session, in recognition of our appreciation.

Should you have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to get in touch with us at EKO.  
Kind regards

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**BOOKING FORM (Please return this via pupil post)**

I wish to enrol my child in EKO Club at St Mary's CE First School:

Child's Name:..... School Year:.....

Name of parent/guardian:.....

Email:.....

Mobile\*:.....

*\*Please provide one mobile phone number that you can be contacted on during the session.*

- As the parent/guardian I have read, fully understand and am satisfied with the details supplied regarding EKO Club activities and agree for my child to take part in them.
- I know of no medical reason why my child should not participate.
- In the event of a minor accident and when I cannot be contacted, I agree for First Aid to be administered by a qualified First Aider.
- I do / do not \*\* agree to my child being taken to hospital, or to being seen by the nearest doctor available should an emergency arise.
- I do / do not \*\* give my consent for photographs of my child to be used for EKO displays **incl. internet site and facebook.**
- I do / do not \*\* wish to be kept informed of other EKO activities and events.
- I understand my child will be expected to provide their own appropriate outdoor clothing including waterproof jacket & trousers and wellies.
- I would be interested and available to volunteer during the sessions.

*\*\* Please delete as appropriate*

Any other medical/dietary issues/allergies (please write on back of form if necessary):

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Signature:.....(Parent/Guardian named above)

Date:.....

\*Please pay by BACS @ Sort Code: 09-01-28 Acc. No: 95193806  
and put '**STM**child's surname' as reference

If necessary, please make cheques payable to EKO (Educating Kids Outdoors) and return with form.