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'Squirrel Survival Day' and Litter Pick- Monday 19th June 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

When the children and adults are not in school, the animals of Istead Rise take over the school grounds.

We are very lucky to have many bird species such as: European woodpeckers, blackbirds and red necked partridges who regularly visit or have made their homes here, as well as plenty of mammals such as grey squirrels, badgers and foxes. We also have lots of insects, trees and plants. We are proud to be a nature friendly school, and the children, with the help of our School Council have come up with a plan to help our local animals and plants.



On **Monday 19th June 2023** the children of Istead Rise Primary School will be taking part in a whole day of environmental activities. This will be called 'Squirrel Survival Day' as it was inspired by a squirrel trying to eat some plastic rubbish on the playground! There will be various activities for children to complete in their classes in the morning including: building bug hotels, building wigwams, planting flowers for pollinators and making bird houses. Then, in the afternoon the children will be taking part in a 'litter picking' event both in the school grounds and around the local area.

Reception, years 1 and 2

Children in KS1 will stay inside the school grounds for their litter pick. You **do not** need to fill in a Google Form.

Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 only

Children in KS2 will be accompanied by their teachers and the Community Warden on a local 'litter pick'. There will be predetermined routes which the children will take with their adults around the local area. **Please click [here](#) and fill in the Google Form** to give your permission for your child to leave the school grounds for the local litter pick.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Cowell-Young