

Lunchtimes Update

Finally we are able to enjoy our wonderful grounds and outdoor provision in the sunshine! When the weather becomes warmer, the children often like to spend more time sitting and chatting or playing quiet games with their friends. We have been able to make some more seating areas and tables using a variety of cable reels but would still like to be able to provide more of these. Folding picnic/camping tables and benches (see photo) are good options for us as they are easy to store during the wetter months. If anyone has one of these that they no longer use or would be willing to buy one for us that would be fantastic! Folding deck chairs of any sort would also be very useful if anyone has any they no longer need.



Before the Easter holidays we had staff from a number of different York primary schools come and look round our OPAL provision and to see what OPAL looks like in action. These were all schools who are interested in developing outdoor play in their own schools due to the many benefits it offers for all pupils. Without exception, they were all very impressed with the huge range of things the children can do and play with, how polite and friendly the children were, how well the children played together and how incredibly efficient everyone is at tidying up and then calmly walking back to class at the end of lunchtime. Needless to say, we were very proud!

We are hopefully having another exciting visit on the morning of the 9th May when our local MP, Luke Charters, is coming to school to talk to the children about his life and work and to then see what OPAL is all about. Let's keep our fingers crossed for good weather on that day!

