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Dear Parents and carers,

We are pleased to share that our OPAL playtimes are progressing well, and we are seeing continued improvements in the quality of play across the school. The children are thoroughly enjoying access to a wide range of play opportunities and are benefiting from interacting and playing with children of all ages.

From Monday 12th January, we are asking that all children bring in a pair of wellington boots or old trainers that you do not mind getting muddy. This will allow them to safely access the OPAL provision on the school field.

Please send the footwear into school in a sturdy carrier bag. These can remain in school so that your child is able to access the provision easily each day. Please note – your child may come home muddy from accessing the provision on the field at times.

Play is an essential part of childrens learning and provides them with opportunities for exploration, creativity, problem-solving, and risk-taking, while fostering resilience, collaboration, and independence.

We thank you for your continued support in helping us provide enriching and enjoyable play experiences for all children.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs D Douglas  
Headteacher.

OPAL mentor name – Anna Dutson

OPAL school lead – Mrs B Butler

