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Dear Parents

Did you know that during your child's time here at Monkton, they spend 20% of their day outside at break and lunch play? Playtime is hugely important in a child's personal development whether that be their physical or emotional development. For this reason, we will soon be embarking on our OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) programme, of which you will be hearing plenty about in the coming months. Link below to give you an idea...

<https://outdoorplayandlearning.org.uk/>

However, for now, we want to take our first baby steps towards making play a lot more enjoyable and meaningful. We want to open up the whole playground to everyone, no matter the weather conditions, no matter the muddiness, no matter anything! This is a cultural shift and it will take time but it is one that we are determined to get right.

In order for your child to enjoy their playtimes on the whole playground and field, the children **must** come to school with wellies! Utilising the playing field might mean they get a little bit of mud on their trousers but that is a small price to pay if it means your child is enjoying their play and learning HOW to play properly. I'm sure you agree!

So, for now – please ensure children come to school with their wellies. They can be left here on the class 'welly rack' ready for the next day.

Let's have a welly welly good time!

C.Marston



