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Dear Parents and Carers

**'Paint What Matters' project for Year 4 classes**

As I mentioned in my weekly letter on Friday, this Wednesday, our Year 4 classes will be starting a series of weekly creative workshops on 6 Wednesday mornings, with artist Josh Bilton, as part of a special project being run by Kettle's Yard.

Josh has planned some lovely creative experiences for each class, lasting for 1hr 15 mins each week. The children will be creating artwork, writing, rhythm and movement/dance over the weeks, working with Josh, Karen Thomas (Education Community Manager from Kettle's Yard), and with a choreographer for two of the sessions. I am very glad to be able to be there for all of the sessions too, along with the class teachers and Teaching Assistants – it promises to be a super experience for us all.

The project is inspired by the exhibition to be held at Kettle's Yard in February and March next year, entitled 'Paint What Matters'. We are expecting work from the project to be part of that exhibition, which is very exciting.

Josh is keen that we are able to spend time out on the school field in some of our sessions, and so I wanted to just let you know about that – as the weather becomes colder and probably more rainy, it would be great if children had wellies or old footwear which they could wear out on the field, which is already pretty muddy. Also, we are likely to be using materials for the artwork at times which could be messy; you are welcome to send children in with an old-t-shirt or apron if you have one, which they could wear to protect their clothes.

As we go through the project, I will set up a page on the school website where I will add photos of what the children have been creating.

Kind regards

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