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Y5/6 Summer Residential Trip to Croft Farm

Friday 10th to Monday 13th July 2015



Dear Parents,

I am delighted to confirm that next summer we will be offering an exciting opportunity for children in Y5 and Y6 to visit Croft Farm Waterpark Activity Centre in the heart of the Cotswolds near Tewksbury. The trip will take place from Friday 10th July to Monday 13th July 2015. I have talked to the children about this trip opportunity this morning.

Residential courses organised by schools are an invaluable part of a child's primary education. There are many benefits of these opportunities to spend a short amount of time away from home with friends and familiar staff. In particular, the Government highlights the beneficial effects of learning outside the classroom and the positive impact these courses and trips have on children's learning progress.

Residential trips and learning outside the classroom offers new and exciting challenges where children can learn to work together in teams, develop independence, confidence and an ability to recognise strengths and weaknesses in a constructive way. The value of giving children the opportunity to try out new activities cannot be underestimated.

We have chosen the location for next year's trip to provide a new and exciting location for our children and staff to visit. Croft Farm has a very good reputation for offering quality residential educational learning courses. We are enclosing a leaflet about Croft Farm for your information. You can also visit their website at www.jca-adventure.co.uk.

In addition to the residential experience, the fully trained and qualified instructors at Croft Farm, with the support of school staff, will provide instruction in a full programme of activities in a safe, controlled and secure environment.



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Croft Farm has lots of green space for land based activities, as well as superb opportunities for a wide range of water-based fun on its own 12 acre lake and the nearby River Avon. Expert tuition through an approved Royal Yachting Association school is available and activities include:

- Canoeing
- Climbing
- Fencing
- Raft Building
- Stand Up Paddle Boarding

Accommodation is provided in Scandinavian-style log cabins, adding to the sense of fun and adventure and offering everything groups need for an exciting and comfortable activity break.

I am pleased to advise you the Governors have agreed to support parents with the cost of this residential trip. The total cost of the visit is £179.00. For siblings and children on Free School Meals the cost will be £149.00. This price represents very good value for money and includes full board accommodation, insurance, all instruction and activities, equipment and safety equipment, evening activities programme, achievement certificates and comprehensive insurance.

The school is funding the transport costs to keep the parental contribution to this trip as reasonable as possible for everyone. We have also planned the schedule to support you as much as possible to budget for the trip. Payments can be made in instalments between now and May 2015 giving you almost a year to budget for the trip.

I do hope that your child/children are able to join us on the trip in July next year. If you wish to book a place/s, please complete the attached slip and return it to your child's class teacher with £30 deposit per child by **Monday 7th July 2014**. When we have received your deposit and booking confirmation, a further letter will be sent with a payment card and full details of how to make future payments for the visit over the next 11 months.

I will be providing an opportunity in the Autumn term for you to join us for a full and detailed information presentation about the visit. In the meantime, please do not hesitate to speak to me or Mr Bloor if you have any questions in connection with this letter.

We look forward to receiving your booking forms in the near future.

Kind regards



Carol Hines
Headteacher



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10th to 13th July 2015**



I/We wish to book a place for my/our child:

Name of child:

Class:

I/We enclose £30 deposit

(You will be issued with a receipt and payment card to record future payments)

Name of parent:

Date:



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