

Monday 24th April 2017

Dear Parents,

As you know, the Year 5 Residential is 'creepy crawling' up on us and the excitement is beginning to build for the children (and us too!). As we mentioned in today's meeting, the activities will be provided by Really Wild Bushcraft and having had a preview ourselves, it is set to be a fantastic two days for all children.

Children will be sleeping under canvas for the night and will be grouped for sleeping and activities by their class teacher, taking into consideration class friendships and dynamics. All meals will be cooked freshly and will meet all dietary requirements. Ample additional adults will be joining each class for their residential, to ensure plenty of adult to child ratio.

If you wish to speak to a member of staff during the trip, please call the school office, who will in turn contact us and we will return your call. Please only use this in an extreme emergency. This time away is a practise for secondary school life, not only for your child, but for you as well!

We request that your child does not bring a mobile phone on the trip or any other electrical items (MP3 players, games consoles etc.) Any of these items found will be looked after by the staff until collection time. We also advise that your child does not bring a camera on the trip. All adults will be carrying one and we will send you the link to where you can download the photos of your choice.

Children who use inhalers should carry them independently but it would be a good idea for a spare to be carried by an adult in case of an emergency. Any other medication will be administered by an adult as per your written instructions. Please ensure all medication is in date.

Please ensure your child arrives dressed to start activities in old, non-precious clothing. Layers are better as they can be adjusted as the day's weather changes.

The remaining details (timetable and packing list) are at the end of this letter. Please ensure that all the relevant forms have been returned promptly to school.

We are really looking forward to the activities, as are all the other adults attending; let's hope the sun will be shining!

Kind regards,

The Year 5 Team

What to pack:

Day Bag should contain the following:

Two snacks.

Packed lunch with a cool pack.

Filled water bottle

Waterproof coat

Sun hat.

Sun screen

Overnight kit list:

- Sleeping Bag (this needs to be a suitable tog rating to ensure your child remains warm.)
- Pillow – optional
- Sleeping mat – optional
- Pyjamas
- Favourite snuggly toy - optional
- Wellington boots (the grass will be dewy and these are easy to slip on for night time toilet runs!)
- Underwear x 2
- Shorts / trousers or tracksuit bottoms x 2
- T-shirts / tops x 2
- Sweatshirts / jumper x 1
- Spare trainers - optional but advisable
- Small towel
- Toiletries (flannel or sponge, soap, toothbrush & toothpaste hairbrush or comb)
- Mosquito repellent and anti-itch cream/spray - optional
- Torch - optional (the wind-up variety avoids the flat battery problem!)
- Pen & paper for games - optional
- Book - optional
- Plastic bags for dirty clothes

All clothes are liable to get wet, muddy, possibly torn; please do not send your child with any expensive/treasured/irreplaceable items.

We will not be able to predict the weather so it is best if your child has layers of clothing that they can build up/take off. Jeans and heavy sweatshirts take a long time to dry if they become wet, therefore thin joggers and fleeces are a far more suitable option.

Your child needs to be warm at night to be able to sleep well; please ensure that their sleeping bag is a suitable thickness and pyjamas are winter ones. It's easy to peel off layers, not so easy to add them!

Your child will be responsible for taking their bag from your home/car to their tent, please ensure they are able to do this – wheeled bags are the best option.