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Dear Year 4 Parents & Children,



Year 4 Residential
Thursday 23rd May – Friday 24th May 2019

We have reserved places for children in year 4 to take part in 2 activity days in Forest Camp Activity Centre in Delamere Forest which is owned and operated by Cheshire Scouts. You can find more about the centre here: <https://www.cheshirescouts.org.uk/activity-centres/forest-camp-activity-centre>

The visit is booked for **23rd and 24th May** The children will come to school as normal on 23rd May and be taken by coach to the centre.

The centre is owned and operated by Cheshire Scouts and has undergone recent extensive redevelopment. The woodland environment surrounding the Centre provides a wealth of opportunities to enrich a school-based curriculum. We have booked a number of adventurous activities for the children such as climbing, low ropes courses, den building, indoor caving and rafting. All these activities are provided by the centre and are delivered in conjunction with our teachers. They are very education centred with a focus on team building and problem solving whilst being exciting and adventurous.

The aims of the residential are :

- Learning new skills
- Gaining an appreciation of the natural environment
- Exciting activities
- Developing an awareness of the needs of others
- Meeting personal challenges

There is a large sized games room at our disposal throughout our stay for indoor activities or study and facilities for wet weather. There is also an adventure playground for the children to use. We will have sole use of the centre and its facilities for the visit. There is a full packed lunch with fruit and a drink and a cooked meal in the evening. There will also be a light supper of hot chocolate, biscuits and other treats. Special diets are catered for.

Outline plan (please note, these times may change)

Thursday

9.00 am Leave School
10.00 am Arrive at centre
10.30 am First activity programme begins

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1.00 pm Lunch
2.00 pm Activity Programme
4.30 pm Games and rest before dinner
5.30 pm Evening meal
7.30 pm Activities led by teachers
9.30 (ish!) Lights out

Tuesday

8.00 am Breakfast
9.00 am Pack and clean rooms
9.30 am Activity Programme
1.00 pm Lunch
1.45 pm Activity Programme
3.30 pm return to school

The children will be accompanied by several members of Avalon staff, although all the activities will be led by the expert instructors. At the moment, we are still awaiting final confirmation of activities but the cost of this trip is anticipated to be around £100. This covers the cost of all travel, meals, insurances, accommodation, all activities, use of the facilities and t-shirts. We would like all children to attend the residential as we believe it forms an important part of their social development and will also develop skills in numerous areas including Outdoor Adventurous Activities, which is part of the P.E. curriculum. A meeting about the trip will be held after the February half term where we will distribute details of what to bring etc. This meeting will be for children and parents and details about payments and other information and authorisation forms will also be distributed then.

If you want to discuss any aspect of this visit prior to the meeting, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Mrs J Callaway
Headteacher

