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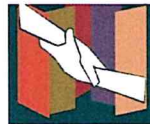
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14th February 2017

Dear Year 4 Parents/Carers & Children,



Conway Centres
Arts and Outdoor Education

Year 4 Residential
Monday 15th May – Tuesday 16th May 2017

We have reserved places for children in year 4 to take part in 2 activity days in Delamere Outdoor Activity Centre in Delamere Forest. You can find more about the centre here:

<http://www.conwaycentres.co.uk/delamere-forest/>

The visit is booked for **15th and 16th May** The children will come to school as normal on 15th May and be taken by coach to Delamere Forest.

Originally known as Foxhowl, the building used to be a Youth Hostel and it is well known for its homely appeal. Available within the grounds is a well-established nature pond. There is safe access to Delamere Forest where children can participate in activities such as orienteering, den building, survival skills, stream dipping, environmental games, forest art and walks which study animal habitats and the different flora and fauna of the forest. Within the grounds there is an ascent wall which is used for problem solving and team building. The woodland environment surrounding the Centre provides a wealth of opportunities to enrich a school-based curriculum.

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. Food is prepared and served on site with cereal and a cooked breakfast available. There is a full packed lunch with fruit and a drink and a cooked 3 course meal in the evening. There will also be a light supper of hot chocolate, biscuits and other treats. Special diets are catered for.

As part of the activity programme, the children will participate in numerous activities in and around the site. All these activities are provided by the centre and are delivered in conjunction with our teachers. They are very education centered with a focus on team building and problem solving whilst being exciting and adventurous.





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Outline plan (please note, these times may change)

Monday

9.00 am Leave School
10.00 am Arrive at centre
10.30am First activity programme begins
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
8.30 pm Campfire
9.30 (ish!) Lights out

Tuesday

8.00 am Breakfast
9.00 am Pack and clean rooms
9.30 am Activity Programme
1 pm Lunch
1.30 pm concluding / reflective activities led by staff
2pm Children are taken by coach to Wirral Sailing Club for a 2 hour sailing lesson
5pm Children can be collected by parents and taken home or (optional) taken by parents to Marigolds in West Kirby for dinner (not included in price)


The children will be accompanied by several members of Avalon staff, although all the activities will be led by the expert instructors. The cost of this trip will be £129. 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 on **Wednesday 29th March** where we will distribute details of what to bring etc. This meeting will be for children and parents.

A deposit of £50 will be payable by **Friday 31st March** and the full balance will be due by **Friday 5th May**. Payments can be made either by cheque (made out to Avalon School) or by BACS using the bank details below (please use the reference "delamere" and your child's initials):

Bank: Lloyds
Account Name: Avalon School Educational Trust
Account Number: 03074431
Sort Code: 30-15-52

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

