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Current Year 5

Dear Parents

Residential Visits during Academic year 2022/23

For many years we have been delighted to provide a number of Residential Visit opportunities for our pupils across all year groups. These are optional trips and are run alongside our compulsory Curriculum Visits. Sadly our residential trips were affected by Covid which resulted in trips being delayed for 12 months and our schedule of bookings being disrupted. Following two successful trips for years 5 & 6 last autumn we have now reassessed our options and will be offering the following trips in the **next** academic year:

Year Group	Location	Approx. cost
Year 3	Sleepover in school during May 2023	£10
Year 4	1 night Castleton Youth Hostel March 2023 History based activities and visit to Treak Cliff Cavern https://groups.yha.org.uk/hostels/yha-castleton-losehills-hall/	£90
Year 5	2 nights Manor Adventure, Shropshire 23-25 th September 2022 Land based activities eg. zip wire, archery, caving & assault course https://www.manoradventure.com/culmington-manor.php	£185
Year 6	3 nights Manor Adventure, Norfolk 23-26 th June 2023 Water & land based activities eg. raft building, canoeing & low ropes https://www.manoradventure.com/norfolk-lakes.php	£280

In addition to these trips we will try, Covid & staffing permitting, to hold sleepovers in school for the current year 3 and 4 pupils during **this** academic year.

At this stage we would just like to gauge the amount of interest in the planned events for next year. Bookings for external visits have been costed on 45-50 pupils per year (ie. 1 coach) We may be able to increase the numbers but this could result in an increase in cost if we were not able to completely fill a second coach. All the above trips are entirely optional although we would strongly suggest that ALL pupils experience at least one residential experience during their four years in school. In order to help with the cost of this, pupils entitled to Free school Meals or other Pupil Premium funding will receive a discount of approx. £25 per night for all external visits. All these trips will be very enjoyable and enable the pupils to experience time away from home, increasing their independence and confidence.

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All the trips are run by the school using our wealth of highly experienced staff who give up their time to give the pupils these great experiences. When on site the individual activities may be run by centre staff, all of whom are fully qualified in their field and have the relevant safeguarding checks in place.

I realise that some of these dates seem a very long way ahead but we are not looking for a firm commitment at this time. However, we have indicated when deposits and payments may be due in order to give parents chance to plan and save in order to make the trips affordable. We hope to stay with this plan of visits for the foreseeable future so hopefully this will again enable you to think ahead and discuss which trips may best suit your particular child. We have included website links to give you a flavour of what is available and staff will also talk to the children about the trips.

Please see below for further details relating to the relevant trip for current Year 5 children with a slip to express interest.

Yours sincerely,

Z Cannon
Headteacher

Current Year 5 trip to Manor Adventure Norfolk Lakes, 23-26th June 2023

(The children will be in year 6 when they go on this visit)

The trip will leave school on Friday morning and return about 6pm on Monday. During the weekend the children will take part in about 10 different activities which are likely to include; Canoeing, Sailing or Kayaking, raft building, paddleboarding, low ropes and volleyball. All meals are included and the children sleep in premium accommodation with en-suite rooms.

The cost of the trip, including accommodation, meals and transport is likely to be approximately £280 with a discount of about £80 for children entitled to Pupil Premium. A deposit of £50 will be due in July 2022 with the remaining amount in instalments to be completed by the end of February 2023 (dates to be confirmed later).

If you think your child would be interested in this optional trip please complete the form below and return to the school office by 21st January 2022 so that we can assess level of interest.

Child's Name _____ Class _____

My child is / is not * interested in the trip to Norfolk. (Delete as appropriate)

If not interested please could you indicate why (so we know if we are getting something wrong!)

Signed _____ Parent/ Carer

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