

27th September, 2017

Dear Parents / Carers,

RE: YEAR 6 OUTDOOR AND ADVENTUROUS RESIDENTIAL VISIT

For several years our Year 6 pupils have enjoyed an outdoor and adventurous three days residential visit to Pioneer Activity Centre in Shropshire, however the price has increased and therefore we intend to visit Acorn Adventure's Tipi Adventure Safari in the Wyre Forest in 2018.

It meets all of our high standards in terms of health and safety, security and accommodation and gives very good value for money. The Centre is located in beautiful woodland and combines the magic and adventure of sleeping and dining in traditional giant tipis with a wide range of activities. There is even an opportunity to visit West Midlands Safari Park before we travel home. (Further information is available on the website www.acornadventure.co.uk).

The Centre has the Learning Outside the Classroom Quality Badge and is registered with AALS (Adventure Activities Licensing Service) and it is inspected regularly. (The reference is R0323). Full details can be confirmed by visiting www.hse.gov.uk/aala). All activities are led by qualified instructors who are specifically trained. The children will enjoy activities such as Search and Rescue, High Ropes, Abseiling, Challenge Course, Zip Wire, Raft Building, Big Bounce and Camp Fire. There is a sports hall in case of inclement weather. In previous years there was one instructor to five/six children, thus the quality is superb. (Please find attached an example of a programme of activities).

The children **will depart on Wednesday, 30th May, 2018 at 9.00.m. and return on Friday, 1st June, 2018 at 6.00p.m.** approximately, **thus, the trip is in the half term holiday!** The cost will be **£190 per pupil** inclusive of travel, accommodation, meals and all of the activities. All that is required in terms of clothing is old garments and footwear that can get muddy!

If you wish your child to participate in the visit, please complete the attached form **and return it to Mrs. Tiernan on or before 9th October, 2017, with a £30 non-refundable deposit.**

A payment card will be forwarded when the deposit is received, the remaining balance can be paid in instalments.

Staffing: Presently, it is proposed that the following school staff accompany the children: Mrs. Tiernan, Mr. Cooper and Mrs. Harrington. Depending on numbers, additional adults may be required and these adults are often volunteers in school and staff's family members.

Undoubtedly, there are many benefits from residential visits in terms of fun, personal and social development, self-awareness, self-confidence and self-reliance. They certainly enhance motivation and supplement classroom-based teaching and learning. Our past pupils regularly reminisce and regard the residential as among their most memorable experiences of their life in St Bede's Catholic Junior School.

If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs. Faith Tiernan
Headteacher

Activity Programme 2018 example

| Date | Session Time | Group 1 | Group 2 | Group 3 |
|------------------------------|----------------|--|------------------|---------|
| Wednesday, 30th May, 2018 | 9.00 a.m. | Depart School | | |
| | 11.30-1.00p.m. | Arrival, welcome and lunch | | |
| | 2.00-5.00p.m. | Climbing | Target Sports | |
| | 6.00-9.00p.m. | Dinner: Campfire Cooking and Tipi's Got Talent | | |
| Thursday, 31st May 2018 | 9.30-11.00a.m. | Bushcraft | Orienteering | |
| | 12.00-1.00p.m. | Lunch | | |
| | 2.00-3.30p.m. | Adventure Course | Giant initiative | |
| | 4.00-5.30p.m. | Paintball catapults | | |
| | 7.00-9.00p.m. | Dinner and woodland craft making | | |
| Friday 1st June, 2018 | 9.00-10.00a.m. | Breakfast | | |
| | 10.00 a.m. | Depart for West Midlands Safari Park | | |
| | 3.30p.m. | Leave Safari Park for return journey | | |

Reply slip to: FT

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I wish my child to be included in the party to visit Acorn Adventure Tipi Village in May/June, 2017, and I enclose a **non-returnable deposit of £30.**

I understand that all of the money paid is non-refundable as it has to be paid to Pioneer Activity Centre in instalments, by Friday, 16th March, 2018.

I understand that my child will travel on a coach.

I understand that my child's inclusion is dependent upon his / her continuing compliance with the school's Behaviour for Learning Policy.

Child's Name: _____

Class: _____

Parent/Carer Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Contact telephone number: _____