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Dear Mums and Dads of Y3 and Y4 Pupils

LACHES WOOD OUTDOOR EDUCATION VISIT – 22-24 May 2024

We have booked Laches Wood Outdoor Education Centre for Year 3/4 for next year to allow the children to experience two nights at an outdoor residential centre as a build up to when the children are in Y5/6 and go away for a week. The visit has been booked for May 2024, and at that stage as we head towards the end of the academic year it should be an exciting way to finish our year as a class.

The activities at Laches Wood usually include things like climbing, canoeing, map work and walking; in due course we will send you a timetable, as soon as it has been agreed with the centre, as well as a suggested kit list, a medical form, swimming ability, permission slips from the Laches Wood Centre explaining in more detail what the arrangements are for the residential visit. The centre is staffed by instructors specifically trained for teaching the activities being undertaken and there will be at least two members of staff from Henry Chadwick with the pupils at all times. Mrs Thurstance will arrange a briefing meeting prior to the visit to provide further information and answer any questions you may have.

The cost of the Outdoor Education Centre visit will be £196 per pupil; a coach has been booked at a cost of £29.00 per child – both have been added to parent pay with the option of paying in instalments. We hope you will agree with us that this residential learning experience is really valuable and has incredible benefits for all the children involved. The cost of £196 includes all meals and activities at the Centre. The cost of the visit will be subsidised for children eligible for FSMs – please speak to Mrs Jones if this applies to your family.

Could I please ask that **an initial deposit of £20 be paid by the end of December 2023 to confirm your child's place, payment should be made on Parent Pay.** The remaining amount can be paid in one payment or in instalments, whichever suits you best, again via Parent Pay. **By paying onto Parent Pay for this visit we consider that you are giving your permission for your child to take part in the Residential Visit, however, additional consent forms, due to the nature of the activities, will need to be completed nearer the time.**

I really hope all the children will be able to go to Laches Wood as Outdoor Education trips are always really rewarding for everyone and the three days will cover aspects of the National Curriculum which we are not able to cover in school. If, however, you feel that your child will not be able to attend please let us know immediately so we can amend our booking details.

If you have any questions or concerns, or would like more information please don't hesitate to ask.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Barnes and Mrs Thurstance

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