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11 May 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are very excited as it is not long now until Year 5 embark on their adventurous journey to their activity camp led by The Bushcraft Company to Penshurst Place.

This letter is to offer reminders of the trip and equipment needed.

We will leave school at 9.15am on Monday 23 May and return at approximately 3.45pm on Tuesday 24 May. We will send out a message via the school office if we are going to be delayed.

Below is a list of recommended items for the children to bring. We stress that it is not necessary to go out and buy new and expensive kit. If you are struggling to source any of the items, please come and speak to one of the Year 5 teachers.

- Large rucksack or holdall (not suitcase) -Waterproof jacket
- Small rucksack to carry the essentials -Socks and underwear Warm sleeping bag -2 pairs of footwear e.g., walking boots and old trainers Roll mat -Wash bag including toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, face wipes and hand gel Tracksuit or hardwearing trousers -Water bottles T-shirts Jumper or fleece -Torch with fresh batteries – a head torch is ideal
- Pillow -plastic bags for dirty/wet clothes or footwear

Please ensure that all items of clothing and equipment are clearly labelled with your child's name. Lost property will only be held by the school for up to 2 weeks after the trip.

A form will need to be filled in for any medication that is required for the trip. Please collect a form from the school office. The medication should be labelled with clear instructions on the application/use and dosage required. It should be handed to the teachers on the morning we depart. Please do not pack any electrical equipment or technology for your child to take to the camp. Staff will have their mobile phones and will be in regular contact with the school.

On arrival, the bushcraft team will transport larger/bulkier luggage directly to camp for the children. The children may not have access to this for a couple of hours so please ensure they have the following to hand (ideally in a small rucksack):



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- A full bottle of water
- Any medication they may need for the day
- Suitable footwear for the walk to camp (this could be up to a 40-minute walk and/or time to immerse themselves into the woods)
- Suitable clothing for the weather i.e., waterproofs/sun hat/sun cream etc

The children do not need any food for the first day, this is all provided after we arrive.

The activities the children will be participating in include:

Fire lighting

- -Trap making
 - -Bushcraft challenge
- Making Tools -Strike camp
- The menu that the children will be eating includes:
- Barbecue kitchen

Shelter building

- Cooked breakfast
- Pasta Bolognese
- Make your own pizzas
- With plenty of snacks in between



For the activities, the children have been split into four tribes. Centaurs class will make up two of the tribes and Genies class the other two.

There will be Porta-loos for the children to use in the camp and an outdoor tap for rinsing faces. brushing teeth and filling water bottles. Both the tap and water are regularly tested and meet all the current health and safety requirements. It would be helpful for the children to also bring face wipes and hand gel as stated in the equipment list. There is a shower that we can use in the case of any emergencies.

There will be 6 tents for the children to sleep in with approximately 10 children in each tent. There are 3 tents for the boys and 3 for the girls. The children have been put into friendship groups, although due to logistics the two classes will be mixed.

We have been so lucky with the weather with our last two trips to both Bedgebury Pinetum (Year 4) and Hythe this year in March, so fingers crossed the luck continues as we head into the Garden of England.

We will be continuing to talk to the children about the trip during class time, however, please feel free to ask any further questions via the school office email.



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We look forward to a wonderful experience with your children.

Kind Regards,

The Year 5 Team Mrs Browne, Miss Pattison & Mr Vallois









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