

Swanmore C.E. (Aided) Primary School

9th November 2017

Dear Parents

I am writing to provide you with information regarding the Year 6 residential visit to Wales. I know the children are already very excited about it and I hope that they will all be able to take part.

Visit 1: Mr Hughes' Class – Monday 19th February to Friday 23rd February 2018

Visit 2: Miss Morgan's Class - Monday 26th February to Friday 2nd March 2018

We shall be staying at the Hampshire Mountain Centre in the Brecon Beacons National Park. The centre has modern accommodation with small dormitories, a common room and dining rooms. We shall be self-catering and providing cooked breakfasts, packed lunches and evening meals.

These visits will give the children opportunities to develop socially, becoming more confident and tolerant of others. Through their experiences we aim to develop feelings of trust and responsibility. The activities will be related to the Geography and PE National Curriculum and the Hampshire RE Agreed Syllabus.

A great deal of time will be spent outdoors, in and around the hills and we shall enjoy activities in woods, caves and near rivers. If the weather allows we shall also go mountain walking. **Appropriate walking boots, waterproof trousers and jackets will be provided by the Centre.** The children will be accompanied on some of these activities by qualified instructors from the Mountain Centre and they will be supervised closely and specified adult/pupil ratios adhered to at all times. Safety of groups is paramount to the Hampshire Mountain Centre, therefore they:

- Are annually inspected under the Adventure Activities Licensing Regulations 1996;
- Follow Hampshire County Council Safety in Hazardous Pursuits Regulations;
- Ensure all staff employed by Hampshire Mountain Centre have recognised National Governing Body qualifications for the relevant activities;
- Ensure all staff employed by the centre have recognised First Aid qualifications;
- Ensure First Aid Kits and other emergency equipment relevant to the activity are carried by the instructors or group leaders;
- Ensure safety equipment relevant to the activity is provided by the centre.

The school staff carry out detailed risk assessments for all the activities and are guided by local advice regarding weather, etc.

Each visit will involve approximately 32 children and 6 adults, details of staffing will follow shortly. The journey to Wales will be by Minibus.

The total cost of the trip is £230.00 per child and this can be paid online or in instalments from now – and an extended period of time, on request, if that eases the financial impact. This is the same cost as last year. Please may I ask you to check your eligibility for free school meals, following the link: <http://www3.hants.gov.uk/caterers>. Those parents who are entitled would be eligible for assistance in meeting the cost of school trips.

If the financial contribution, which includes the cost of transport to and from the venue, is likely to be a barrier to your child's participation, please do arrange to speak to Mrs. Bush in the School Office in confidence.

Please remember all our residential visits are non-profit making. Although contributions to school trips are voluntary if insufficient contributions are received unfortunately the trip maybe cancelled.

Information for both visits:

Your child will be staying at: The Farmhouse, Argoed Llwyd, Libanus, Brecon Powys, LD3 8EN
Telephone: (for emergency use only) 01874 611947

Any necessary medical or personal information needs to be written on the attached form and returned to school in good time. It is essential that this information is up to date and provides a complete picture for the staff accompanying the visit. Medicines must be clearly labelled with the name of child and instructions, and can be given to a teacher on the morning of departure.

Please return the attached reply slip by **Friday 1st December 2017**.

There will be a Parents Meeting about the Wales visits on **Tuesday 23rd January at 6.00pm in the school hall**, where we will provide you with more detailed information about the trip.

We are all looking forward to these very enjoyable (and hardworking) weeks. In the meantime if you have any further questions please don't hesitate to contact the Year 6 teachers.

Yours sincerely

Tony Hughes
Educational Visits Co-ordinator

SWANMORE CE PRIMARY SCHOOL - RESIDENTIAL VISITS TO WALES

Mr Hughes' Class : 19th February - 23rd February 2018

Mrs Morgan's Class : 26th February - 2nd March 2018

Child's Name Class

I should like my child to take part in the residential visit to Wales.

If you have not already started payment by instalments could you please indicate below how you would like to pay:

- I enclose a contribution of £50 and shall send a further £180 by Friday 2nd February 2018.
- I enclose a contribution of £230.
- I should like to contribute in instalments with the full payment paid by Friday 2nd February 2018.
(Please make cheques payable to Swanmore Primary School)

Signed (parent) Date