

1<sup>st</sup> May 2009

Dear Parents

**Year 6 Overnight Bivouac in Captain Phillimore's Wood**

The overnight bivouac in Captain Phillimore's Wood for Year 6 children will take place on Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> June. The camp will be the culmination of the experiences they have enjoyed in the wood over the past few years. To ensure this event is a success it is essential that children follow the school's code of conduct and high standards of behaviour are expected.

The planned programme is:-

**Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> June**

Arrive at school at the usual time.

Leave for walk to wood at about 9.30am, taking a packed lunch.

Erect bivouacs, chemical toilets; prepare for camp fire, organise water supply.

Return to school for 3.30pm and then home for dinner

Reassemble at school at 7.00pm.

Walk to wood, settle in and enjoy evening activities.

Hot drink and biscuits before going to "bed".

**Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> June**

An early start to the day, cooked breakfast.

Activities

Dismantle camp and walk back to school by midday.

The children will be registered and can go home from 12.10pm as long as an adult is here to collect them.

Equipment and sleeping bags will be taken to the wood by car. Children will need to carry only their personal kit. Please remember personal stereos, mobile phones, game boys, trading cards, etc are **not** allowed.

We are asking for a £10.00 contribution per child to cover costs (eg food, polythene). This will also contribute towards other end of year activities such as our Caribbean day.

There will be a meeting for parents and children in Mr Hughes' classroom on Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> May at 3.40pm - 4.00pm when I can answer any questions.

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## Children's Equipment

Sleeping bag and sleeping mat (optional)

Mug, plate

Suitable footwear

Change of socks and underclothing

Anorak or warm coat.

Sweaters

Warm hat, gloves

Efficient waterproofs

Toilet requisites

Torch

Rucksack or shoulder bag.

Please note that children usually sleep in their clothes, although they do not have to.

Please would you complete and return the attached medical form and reply slip by Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> May if you would like your child to take part in this activity. It is essential that this information is accurate and up to date. Could you please indicate on the attached slip if you will be able to collect your child at 12.10pm on Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> June or whether he/she is to remain at school until 3.30pm.

If your child is to remain at school on Friday he/she will need to bring dinner money, in a named purse or envelope, to school on Thursday morning, 4<sup>th</sup> June which will be kept safe until needed at Friday lunchtime. The price of a set school meal is currently £2.00.

If you are able to help with the woods visit to set up the bivouac shelters on Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> June please contact the Year 6 teachers. I would also be very grateful for any help to transport equipment to the woods at 9.15am on the Thursday and back again at approximately 10.00am on Friday. If you are able to help with transport, please contact me via the school office. Please note that it is useful to have a four-wheel drive vehicle, although not essential.

If you have any questions or problems with the children's equipment please get in touch.

Yours sincerely

Rowley Bucknill  
Deputy Headteacher

Swanmore CE (Aided) Primary School

**YEAR 6 OVERNIGHT BIVOUAC**

Name of Child ..... Class .....

I give my consent for my child to take part in the overnight bivouac camp on Thursday 4th / Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> June and enclose £10.00.

I can confirm that the information given on the medical form is accurate.

I/we shall/shall not be coming to the meeting on Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> May at 3.40pm in Mr Hughes' classroom.

I am able / unable to pick my child up at 12.10pm on Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> June.

Signed (parent) ..... Date .....