



Swanmore C.E. (Aided) Primary School
19th September 2017

Dear Parents

As you may be aware we have the almost unique opportunity of being able to take our Junior children to an area of privately owned woodland situated just over an hour's walk from Swanmore, Little Horsecroft Copse, otherwise known as Captain Phillimore's Woods. Each class makes a day visit to Little Horsecroft Copse at least twice a year and the children become familiar with and very attached to these woods over a four year period. During these visits they follow a programme of activities designed to develop their awareness of and sensitivity to their environment and the care with which it should be treated. They also learn to work with others in team building activities. At the end of Year 6 the children's final visit takes the form of an overnight bivouac camp and is their opportunity to say goodbye to the woods before they leave us to go on to Secondary School.

The children in Year 3 classes will be visiting Captain Phillimore's Woods follows:

Mrs Doran & Mr Flynn's Class : Thursday 28th September

Mrs Cousins' Class : Friday 29th September

We shall leave school at about 9.45am and return by 3.30pm. Your child will need the following:-

- a healthy snack
- a packed lunch
- a non-fizzy drink in an unbreakable container
- full length trousers (no jeans please!)
- layers of t-shirt, jumper, coat (as appropriate for the weather)
- if conditions are muddy or wet – waterproof coat/jacket, trousers and wellies/sturdy footwear
- a sitter (plastic carrier bag) and, if possible, wet wipes (for washing hands before eating).

Please be aware that there are no toilet facilities in the woods. Please speak to your child's class teacher if you have any concerns about the first visit to the woods.

We would be very grateful for help on the woods visits. If any parents are able to accompany us please let your child's class teacher know.

We look forward to fun-filled educational days in the woods and hope your child enjoys their first visit to Captain Phillimore's.

Yours sincerely

N Doran
J Flynn
E Cousins