



Swanmore C.E. (Aided) Primary School

20th April 2021

Dear Parents

Since our last letter of 12th March we are delighted to confirm that we have secured a residential visit to Wales for Year 6 in June/July.

As restrictions are being lifted slowly this will enable residential trips to resume from 17th May, so hopefully things will not change.

I am sure the children will be very excited about it being able to go to Wales. We have two weeks booked which are as follows:-

Visit 1: Mr Flynn/Miss Morgan's Class – Monday 21st June to Friday 25th June (Inset) 2021

Visit 2: Mrs Saunders' Class - Monday 28th June to Friday 2nd July 2021

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 £235.00 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. 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.

In order for us to prepare the food we need to take on this trip with a limited deadline. Please could you email any special dietary needs BY FRIDAY 23rd APRIL TO t.clay@swanmore-pri.hants.sch.uk or telephone the school office with this information. IF WE DO NOT HEAR FROM YOU BY THIS DATE WE WILL ASSUME THAT NO SPECIAL DIET WILL BE NECESSARY FOR YOUR CHILD.

All further information will be sent out over the next couple of weeks which will include completion of Medical and Personal details, Consent form, staff accompanying the visit and a parents meeting with date and time.

We are 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