



## Swanmore C.E. (Aided) Primary School

7<sup>th</sup> May 2021

Dear Parents

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

As restrictions slowly lift we are delighted to confirm that we are able to run the Y6 Bivouac in Captain Phillimore's Woods this year for the children.

This will take place on Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> June to Friday 11<sup>th</sup> June (*back up dates are: 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> July*). 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, 10<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 & campfire songs

Hot drink and biscuits before going to "bed"

#### **Friday, 11<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, children's overnight bag and sleeping bags will be taken to the wood by car. Children will need to carry only their day bags as normal. Please remember personal stereos, ipods, mp3 players, mobile phones, DS, PSP, trading cards, sweets 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. 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 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.**

There will be a Parents Meeting about the Bivvy and Wales visits on **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> May at 3.40pm in Y6FM Classroom. Hopefully you will be able to join us for this.**

**Children's Equipment required for this trip is as follows: -**

Sleeping bag  
Sleeping mat (optional)  
Mug, plate (plastic – not china)  
Suitable footwear  
Change of socks and underclothing  
Waterproof coat  
Sweaters  
Warm hat, gloves  
Toilet requisites  
Torch  
Rucksack or shoulder bag  
Towel

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

Please would you complete and return the attached reply slip by Monday, 10th May if you would like your child to take part in this activity. We shall use the medical forms supplied for the Wales Residential Visit, if there are any medical changes please let us know in writing. Could you please indicate on the attached slip if you will be able to collect your child at 12.10pm on Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> June or whether he/she is to remain at school until 3.30pm. Thank you for your help.

If your child is to remain at school on Friday he/she will need to pay for a school dinner. The price of a set school meal is currently £2.40.

If you are able to help with the woods visit to set up the bivouac shelters on Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> June please contact the Year 6 teachers. We would also be very grateful for help with the transporting of equipment to and from the woods on these dates. If anyone has an off road 4 by 4 vehicle or trailer that will be able to carry large crates/equipment and is able to assist please could you contact the school office as soon as possible.

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

Yours sincerely

Tony Hughes  
Offsite Visits Co-ordinator

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**YEAR 6 OVERNIGHT BIVOUAC 2021**

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

I give my consent for my child to take part in the overnight bivouac camp on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> / Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> June (*back up date 15th and 16th July*).

I enclose £10.00/I have paid via Scopay.

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

I/we shall/shall not be coming to the meeting on Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> May at 3.40pm in Y6FM classroom.

I am able / unable to pick my child up at 12.10pm on Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> June

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