



Swanmore C.E. (Aided) Primary School

7th July 2021

Dear Parents

YEARS 3/4/5/6 – WOODS VISITS IN SEPTEMBER 2021

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.

Our programme starts in September with the following years groups visiting the woods during the following weeks, more details will be sent in September:

Year 5 during week beginning 13th September
Year 4 during week beginning 20th September
Year 3 during week beginning 27th September
Year 6 during week beginning 4th October

We shall leave school at about 9.30am 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 long sleeved 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)

Please be aware that there are no toilet facilities in the woods.

Yours sincerely

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Educational Visits Co-ordinator