

10th November 2016

Dear Year 5 Parents,

This year we have arranged for Year 5 to visit and stay overnight at Bentley Copse, situated in the Surrey Hills, an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. Bentley Copse is the Surrey Scouts County Campsite. The site is very popular with youth organisations throughout the southeast of England attracting over 23,000 camper nights per year, which includes Scouts, Guides, D of E groups and other youth organisations including schools.

**Please note that this campsite is not for use by the General Public.**

This trip gives children the opportunity to learn new skills and have fun with their friends, to grow in independence and confidence and to learn to get on with others. The activities are specifically designed to give everyone maximum participation and enable them to improve, whatever their level of ability. We always find that such experiences are enormously beneficial for the children's personal development, as well as a unique opportunity to explore fields of interest not encountered in a classroom environment.



Our children will have the chance to learn skills like archery, team building, climbing, zip-line and woodland skills. Bentley Copse is situated 2½ miles south of the picturesque village of Shere and has direct access to the Hurtwood with its numerous footpaths and bridleways, making the site an ideal location for hiking, orienteering, wide games and nature study. All activities are delivered by qualified and experienced outdoor education workers.

Overnight the children will be sleeping in a barn which consists of two dormitories equipped with kitchen, toilet and shower facilities. As part of the experience we will be catering for ourselves, so all of the children will be expected to muck in with mess duty. The site is self-contained and secure, designed for school visits with staff on duty day and night. The site has two

resident wardens.

**There will be an information session on Tuesday 16th May at 3:30pm in Year 5 with further details.**

As we are trying to keep the costs to a minimum to enable as many children as possible to take part. We are therefore asking parents to arrange their own transport to and from Bentley Copse (directions below). Children need to be dropped off between 4.30pm and 5.00pm on Thursday 15th June, and collected at 3:45pm on Friday 16th June. At the information evening, there will be an opportunity to share contact details so that parents who may struggle with transport can arrange to share lifts.



**Directions:** Shere village is situated off the A25 between Guildford and Dorking. Turn south in the centre of Shere towards Ewhurst, follow this road for 2½ miles. Bentley Copse is on the left hand side of a single track road and is clearly signposted.

The cost of the trip will be £38.00. Should we not get enough participants, the trip will not be able to go ahead and deposits will be refunded. Please note that unless the trip is cancelled, deposits can not be refunded and payments may not be refunded, if cancellation is close to date of trip.

We do hope as many children as possible will be able to join this experience. If your child has specific needs such as physical needs or dietary requirements, we will be happy to discuss how these can be accommodated.

This trip is for **Year 5 only**. Please complete the slip and return it to the office with the first instalment of £10.00 by Friday 2nd December and get ready for the fun to begin!

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**Bentley Copse Year 5 Residential - 15th -16th June 2017**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to register my child for a place on the Bentley Copse Residential Visit. I enclose a £10.00 deposit which I understand is non-refundable (unless the trip is cancelled).

I agree to pay the remaining balance of £28.00 by Friday 26th May, this can either be paid by weekly instalments, or as one amount.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_