

8th March 2019

Dear Parents/ Carers,

The Year 6 residential is fast approaching, and final preparations are underway. There will be a brief meeting at 3:00 pm on Tuesday 7th May in the Year 6 classroom, with all of the final details and an opportunity to ask any questions you may have.

Children will need to arrive at school at the usual time on Monday 20th May, and be collected at the usual time on Friday 24th (we will send out updates via Parentmail, Facebook and Twitter if held up, or check with the school office). They will need a packed lunch on the first Monday - please send in disposable containers as we don't want dirty packed lunch boxes festering all week in a teepee!

Children should bring the following:

- Appropriate clothing for the weather including jumper, trousers, long sleeved t-shirts
- Underwear
- Pyjamas
- Trainers
- Old pair of trainers/plimsolls that can get wet (flip-flops, crocs or open back/toe shoes are not suitable)
- Waterproofs
- Washkit including toothbrush and toothpaste, soap/shower gel, shampoo, hairbrush (if needed)
- Sun cream and sun hat
- Water bottle
- Packed lunch (in disposable container)
- Swimming shorts or swimming costume
- Towel
- Torch/spare batteries
- Sleeping bag
- Pillow
- Roll mat
- 10 nut-free small cakes or biscuits for sharing
- Book(s) to read
- Travel games e.g. playing cards (optional)
- Disposable camera (optional)
- Teddy/soft toy (compulsory!)
- Several empty plastic bags (for wet clothing)
- Two clothes pegs (for towel)

Please note that children will be doing water-based activities each day (usually in the morning), and will need to change if they get wet. To minimise the amount of clothing they need, we suggest children wear the clothes from the afternoon before to get wet, then change into dry clothes afterwards which they will wear for the remainder of the day and first thing the next morning, when they may get wet again. This means that in addition to the clothes they arrive in, they will require five changes of clothes. We will attempt to dry clothing out before it is brought home if the weather allows!

If children need any medication, this needs to be packed in a separate bag or container and handed to an adult, with written instructions on dose and administration, signed by a parent.

It is essential that children do **NOT** bring any snacks or sweets, or keep **ANY** food in their bags, as these attract wildlife in the teepees. Instead, we ask that each child brings something to share with the group, e.g. biscuits, cakes or similar (no nuts or sweets please). These need to be handed to a member of staff on arrival and will be kept in a safe place (honest!) and shared during snack breaks for all to enjoy. Please send tins or tubs that can be disposed of.

Please do **NOT** bring:

- Any electronic items (except a torch)
- Any food items except those to be shared with the group (enough to serve 10)
- Mobile phones or valuables
- 'Nice' clothes which may get ruined
- Jewellery (ALL activities required jewellery to be removed)

Please complete the attached forms and return them to the school office by Thursday 14th March at the latest. A payment card is also attached; we require all outstanding payments up until the 1st April to be paid in full by **Friday 15th March**, as we need to pay the final invoice to Thames Young Mariners. The school are unable to fund any deficit (currently there are deficit payments totalling £1803.40.) If payments are not up to date by the 15th March, unfortunately we will have to cancel your child's place and you will be refunded payments to date (excluding the non-refundable deposit.)

If you have any further questions, please speak to me, or bring them to the meeting on 7th May, when further information (including emergency contact details) will be provided.

Yours sincerely

Mrs McLaughlin

Co-Headteacher