

Wednesday 6th April 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

Years 3 and 4 Trip to Havenbanks Outdoor Education Centre: Wednesday 8th June

I am delighted to advise that we have now booked a replacement trip for Years 3 and 4 to compensate for the cancelled trip to Kent's Cavern.

Trip Details

On Wednesday 8th June, the children will travel to Havenbanks Outdoor Education Centre in Exeter where they will participate in a 2 hour Bell Boating session as part of our Outdoor Education curriculum. Designed by Olympic Canoe Coach David Train, the Bell Boat is a totally unique design in watercraft. Its purpose is to remove the fear of taking part and to help with teamwork and co-operation. Bells Boats are fantastic for school groups and for introducing children to water sports and to encourage them to work as a team. Sessions include tuition in paddling and efficient team paddling, helming, races with other teams, team challenges and other fun and games.

Travel

The cost of coaches has increased significantly recently in view of the hike in the price of fuel. We will therefore be travelling to Exeter Central by train from Eggesford Station (there are unfortunately no trains at the right time of day from Kings Nympton station). **We would like to ask parents and carers to drop and collect the children from Eggesford station on the day.** We greatly appreciate your help with transport to and from the station as this enables us to travel by train which is by far the most cost-effective option.

The outbound train departs from Eggesford at 0901. Please ensure that your child is at the station by 0840 at the latest. They will need to be collected from Eggesford again at 1457. If a child misses the train, they will need to be brought into school to spend the day in Class 1. For parents with siblings in school, please don't worry if they are a little late to school as a result of the detour to the station. If anyone has any concerns about transport to or from the station, please contact Susie in the office.

Cost

Monies already collected from families for the Kent's Cavern trip will be transferred to this trip. However, as we did not receive a full refund for Kent's Cavern, there is a shortfall for this trip of £4.51 per child. The school will fund this deficit and therefore there is no additional cost to families for the day at Havenbanks.



What to wear/bring

- Loose clothing appropriate for physical activities
- A lightweight coat
- Shoes that can be worn on and off the water (no bare feet)
- A spare set of dry clothes and a towel to change into
- A towel
- A bag to bring any wet clothes home in
- A water bottle

The children will need a packed lunch, healthy mid-morning snack and a drink. If your child is eligible for Free School Meals and you would like the school to provide a packed lunch, please note this on the consent form on the Gateway in the comments section.

All children should bring a small ruck sack style bag so that they can each carry their belongings. Please ensure all items are clearly named.

Consent

The facility to provide parental consent has been set up on the School Gateway - please log on to give your consent by 3rd May. Please also complete the hard copy paper consent form sent home today and return as soon as possible. Thank you.

We are very much looking forward to this trip. If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to contact me via the office.

Kind regards

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