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Wednesday 26th February

Year 5 Thornbridge Outdoors Day Visit – 22nd April / 23rd April 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you are aware, we have booked a day trip for the Year 5 children to the Thornbridge Outdoors Activity Centre in April.

Dates:

Tuesday 22nd April - Y5CT and half of Y5TH –Mrs Conroy, Ms Taylor and other school staff.

Wednesday 23rd April - Y5P and half of Y5TH –with Ms Taylor, Miss Pearson, Mr Harrison and other school staff.

Parents of children in Y5TH: the groupings for your child were listed on Class Dojo indicating whether your child will be part of the Tuesday or Wednesday group. Please contact Miss Taylor if you are unable to view this on Class Dojo.

Activities

We have finalised our programme of activities for the day and we believe that the visit will be a fantastic opportunity for the children to be involved in fun and challenging outdoor activities designed to enhance problem solving and teamwork skills in an outdoor learning environment. The children will participate in a range of instructor-led activities such as high ropes – cargo net and sky ropes and a multi challenge obstacle course – the ‘Thornbridge Challenge’ which will involve navigating mole holes, bouldering and a range of problem-solving activities whilst collecting stars for their teams!

Timings

We will be travelling by coach and children need to be at school by **8.00am**, so that we can leave by **8:20am**. We hope to be back at school by **5pm**. You will be informed by text if we are delayed.

Lunch arrangements

A packed lunch is needed (**no glass bottles, nuts or fizzy drinks please**) and children may also bring a snack.

Medication

We will take any medications with that are usually taken in the afternoon of the regular school day. If your child usually has other medications that must be taken between 8am and 8:55am or between 3:30pm and 5pm, **please complete a medical form and return it to the office before the trip. Please then drop the medication with the office on the morning of the trip.**

Clothing

Non-school uniform should be worn. **Thornbridge Outdoors have requested no jeans, shorts or wellies please due to the activities planned.** Please send your child in warm, active wear (joggers, leggings, layered clothing such as a T-shirt, jumper and warm coat with sturdy footwear such as walking boots or sturdy trainers). It can be quite windy and cool on site so please ensure your child has enough layers. Your child will not need any money for the day.

Payment

We have calculated costs based upon the number of children attending – due to a keen uptake, the cost is lower than our initial estimates!

The total cost of the trip is **£48.15**

- Thank you for paying the initial deposit of £10
- The final balance will need to be paid by the **1st March for the amount of £38.15**

Please login to ParentPay to pay the final balance. Unfortunately, the original cost of £54.38 cannot be changed on ParentPay, therefore please make full payment of £54.38 by the 1st of March. *A refund of £6.23 will then be returned to your ParentPay account by the 7th March.*

Governors have agreed that:

'The charge of this visit includes a voluntary contribution. Part of the cost of the visit may include a voluntary contribution towards maintaining staffing levels to ensure adequate supervision of children, if any of the visit falls outside the normal school times. We would be happy to provide you with a breakdown of costs on request. You will appreciate that this visit will only go ahead if we receive the full charge including the voluntary contribution.'

If you have any other questions, please don't hesitate to get in contact with either myself or your class teacher.

We are really looking forward to this new, exciting day visit for our Year 5 children.

Rachel Conroy

Y5 Class Teacher & Trip Leader

