



# The Bedenham & Holbrook Federation of Primary Schools

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19<sup>th</sup> May 2016

Dear Parents/Carers

We have provisionally booked the dates of the **Year 6 residential** visit to the **Hampshire Mountain Centre, Argoed Lwyd in Wales for 2017**. This year due to pupil numbers we have booked two weeks, one for each school.

For Bedenham we have booked all accommodation available at the centre for five days and four nights from **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2017** (*we believe the National Curriculum tests will be the week before but obviously we may need to cancel if this week turns out to be the test week – in this circumstance any payments would be refunded or transferred to an alternative residential*). Currently we are unable to say, with absolute certainty, which staff members will go with the children. Children and staff would travel by coach, leaving at about 8:00am on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May and returning approximately 5:00pm on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May.

During the week the children would take part in a range of adventurous activities:

- Night walk around Argoed Lwyd
- Canoeing OR rock climbing and abseiling (still to confirm which!)
- Climbing a mountain
- Caving
- A gorge walk to a waterfall

Specialist equipment is hired from the mountain centre and all the above activities would be led by fully qualified centre instructors. Transport whilst in Wales is organised by the centre and they use mini-buses, and this is included in the cost.

In addition, the children would visit St Fagans National History Museum at which they would take a walk through time from the Celts to World War 2 and Big Pit National Coal Museum, at which they would get to go down a mineshaft and see what the working conditions in a pit were like.

Places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. The cost of the trip will be £310 and we would require a non-refundable £50 deposit and the reply slip attached, to secure your child's place by 24<sup>th</sup> June 2016 at the VERY latest. *Please note this is a £40 increase in cost from this year as we will need to travel to and from Wales by coach as Bedenham does not have staff able to drive minibuses!*

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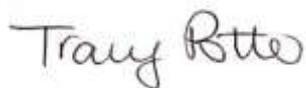
Following this we would need a further £50 by the end of September 2016, £50 by the end of November, £50 by the end of January 2017, £50 by the end of March and the final £60 by 5<sup>th</sup> May 2017. We have to make several of the payments in advance of the visit so it is essential that these deadlines are met. Of course, we would have no objection to you paying the full amount straight away OR welcome small regular amounts of money towards the total cost at any time. We appreciate £310 is a lot of money, but to put it into perspective slightly, after the deposit deadline there are 29 school weeks up to the end of March 2017 so it would be possible to pay £10 per school week, and the full amount could be paid by the end of April 2017!

We are anticipating doing some fund-raising activities and should we be successful in this, we would be able to reduce the price; £310 is therefore the worse case scenario. If we are able to reduce the cost as a result of fund-raising and you had paid the full £310 we would make appropriate refunds.

We will of course hold parents meetings nearer the time at which you will be given further information, including a kit list, but it is worth knowing in advance that the children will need walking boots; other than that old clothes (not jeans) are the main priority!

This is an amazing opportunity for the children and we hope your child will be able to join us. If you have any questions or concerns please come and chat to us *For planning purposes it would be useful for us to know if you don't want your child to attend!*

Yours sincerely,



Executive Headteacher

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**Bedenham Primary School**

**Year 6 residential, 15<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> May 2017,**

**Hampshire Mountain Centre, Argoed Lwyd, Wales**

- ❖ **I do / do not** \* wish my child ..... to participate in the Year 6 residential visit to Argoed Lwyd. \* Please delete as appropriate
  
- ❖ I enclose a non-refundable deposit of £50 to reserve a place and understand places will be allocated on a first come first served basis.
  
- ❖ I understand that the full payment of £310 must be paid by 5<sup>th</sup> May 2017 at the latest and agree to pay the required amounts by the deadlines set out in the letter dated 19<sup>th</sup> May 2016.

Signed ..... Date .....