



5th December 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

YEAR 6 RESIDENTIAL 1st to 5th June 2020

On the 1st to the 5th June we are planning to take Year 6 to St Briavels Castle on a residential trip. This is such an exciting trip, which really brings to life our Summer Term topic on Castles and medieval life.

St Briavels Castle is run by the Youth Hostelling Association and is situated in the Forest of Dean in Gloucestershire. This will form the basis of our summer term topic investigating the geography and history of the area.

Highlights of the trip include:

- Hopewell Colliery: a real Forest 'free mine'
- The Dean Heritage Centre: to learn all about the Forest and its people
- Big Pit: a real Welsh coal mine tour, complete with helmets and headlamps
- A visit to PuzzleWood, an iron age open cast mine, now a glorious maze in the woods
- Raglan Castle: a mediaeval castle, partly ruined during the Civil War
- Clearwell Caves: an ancient iron mine, now show caves
- The International Bird of Prey Centre
- A forest school day exploring the forest of Dean.

Most exciting of all, St Briavels Youth Hostel is a 13th century castle, so the children will have the opportunity to fully immerse themselves in the life of medieval people. The whole trip is rounded off on the final night with an authentic medieval banquet.

We are waiting for final costs from the venues we will be visiting but we do not anticipate the final cost being much more than £250 but we will confirm this in the New Year. This cost covers all meals, activities, insurance and coach travel. A subsidy is available for those children on Free School Meals (Pupil Premium), if this applies to you please speak to Miss Phillips in the school office.

After the Christmas holiday, we will schedule a short afternoon meeting to show you the itinerary in more detail and answer any questions that you may have.

We do want every child to experience this exciting opportunity. Please return the slip with a non-refundable deposit of £40 in order to secure a place, by the end of January. Payments can be made throughout the year at your convenience, but we will need final payment by **Friday 15th May 2020**. We would really love all the children to come so if you have any financial concerns, please speak to Kate, our Home School Link Worker, or request a private meeting with Miss Watts to discuss the matter.

Yours faithfully,

Miss Pontin and Mrs May
Year 6 Teachers

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To: Year 6 Teachers – St Briavels

Child _____ Class _____

- ☐ Please reserve a place on the Year 6 residential to St Briavels
- ☐ I have paid online
- ☐ I enclose a non-refundable deposit of £40

I agree to pay the deposit by the 31st January 2020

I agree to pay the balance by 15th May 2020

Signed: _____