

PROPOSED VISIT TO THE LOW MILL CENTRE 2012

Dear Parents

13 January 2012

For a number of years groups of our children have visited a residential centre situated in the village of Askrigg, in Wensleydale. The visits were popular and very successful, and I understand were certainly enjoyed by all the children who took part. I am delighted to be able to tell you that a similar booking has been made for the present Year 5 children when they become Year 6s.

The following details should give you a broad picture of what the proposed visit is all about.

WHEN?

The dates are Monday 3 September to Friday 7 September 2012. We would like to point out that Monday 3 September is a training day and so we ask that the children be in school at 10.00am. This gives staff some time to complete initial preparation for the term.

WHERE?

Low Mill Residential Centre, Askrigg, Wensleydale.

WHAT IS IT LIKE?

Low Mill is a beautifully converted water mill. It is centrally heated with separate dormitories for boys and girls. There are plenty of showers, baths, wash basins and toilets. The food is plentiful and the meals excellent. The whole centre is maintained to a very high standard. The staff at the centre are fully qualified for the jobs / activities they undertake.

WHO IS THE VISIT FOR?

All interested pupils in the present Year 5 (who will be Year 6 in September 2012).

WHY DO WE WANT TO GO?

- Low Mill offers children a unique opportunity to live, work and play together in surroundings which are beautiful, exciting and different.
- Staying at the centre offers boundless opportunities to bring to life many aspects of the National Curriculum.
- At the centre the children learn more about themselves, about team work and responsibility. They will leave the centre more mature and self-assured as a result of their experiences.
- Children at the upper end of school will gain real and lasting benefits from such a challenging, exciting and worthwhile week.

WHAT WILL THE CHILDREN DO AT THE CENTRE?

A wide range of activities could include:
nature detective activities, abseiling, water colour painting, visit to the market town of Hawes, gorge walking, village study, archery, canoeing on Semerwater, hunting for fossils, orienteering, team building games, a night walk, zip wiring, rock climbing.

IS IT SAFE?

YES!

The centre has fully trained qualified staff who lead the activities. The centre is subject to inspection by the Adventurous Activities Licensing Authority and has a licence for all the activities children take part in.

HOW MUCH WILL IT COST?

The 5 day (4 night) visit will cost £267.00.

WHAT IS INCLUDED IN THE COST?

ALL the transport costs.
ALL food and accommodation costs.
ALL tuition costs.
ALL activities for the full week.
ALL specialist equipment.

HOW CAN I PAY?

In whatever way suits you best. We shall be setting up a system which will enable you to pay weekly throughout the year up to 29 June 2012, so do use this method if it helps as it gives six months over which to spread the cost. Payment receipt cards will be issued whichever way you decide to pay.

WHAT IF I CAN'T AFFORD IT?

Any family in receipt of DSS Income Support or Income-based Job Seeker's Allowance will receive a grant which will cover some of the cost. Any family in receipt of these DSS support allowances would pay £133.50.

WHAT DO I DO NOW?

Complete the attached reply slip.

Yours sincerely

Mrs F G Peill
HEADTEACHER

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Monday 3 September to Friday 7 September 2012

Year 5 Pupils (Next Year's Year 6)

If you want your child to attend the visit please complete the reply slip below and enclose the £20 deposit by Friday 27 January 2012.

Please note that once your child's place on the visit is confirmed the deposit is not refundable. Insurance cover is built into the cost of the week which includes cancellation charges for genuine illness etc, however booking a place on a visit such as this is rather like booking a holiday at a travel agent. Families should be committed to the visit when making a booking. Should families or children change their mind about the place booked cancellation charges would operate where the school had to pay cancellation charges to the centre visited.

It is the aim to ensure school visits are planned to be as inclusive for all children as possible. Children's special educational needs will be considered and appropriate supervision levels decided. Should a child's SEN be linked to medical issues or poor conduct and behaviour, their medical record or behaviour record will be considered and discussed with parents if attendance on the visit is at risk. The school reserves the right, in such situations, to refuse attendance on the visit. Should this happen then of course any money paid to school would be refunded.

**HUNGATE C P SCHOOL
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Reply Slip:

Please complete this form and return it to school by 27 January 2012.

I would like my child to have a place on the residential visit to the Low Mill Centre (and I enclose a non-returnable deposit of £20 which confirms my child's place).

Name of childClass

Signature of parent/guardian

Please print name