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Dear Parents

## Year 4 Residential 2023

We are very excited to be able to let you know details of our Year 4 residential opportunity in the new academic year! We hope that lots of the current Year 3 class will want to join us for fun and outdoor activities with their friends while also enjoying two nights away. There will still be the opportunity for the children to take part in their longer Year 6 residential in a couple of years too.

We will be staying at Weavers Lodge at Blackland Farm, East Grinstead from **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November**. This is a Girlguiding site which we have used previously for both residential and outdoor activities and the children always have a brilliant time!

Over the three days the children will have the opportunity to take part in a range of activities. The timetable is still to be confirmed but may include crate stacking, climbing, high ropes, archery and abseiling, together with water-based activities such as swimming. There will also be evening activities such as a campfire and/or wide game. All of the "adventurous" activities are led by qualified instructors and the children will also be supported by school staff, who will be staying with them in Weavers Lodge. The accommodation is in dormitories of max. 8 children and boys & girls (and staff) will be in separate rooms. Children will need to bring their own bedding but more info and a kit list will be issued nearer the time. Meals will also be provided.

You can see more information about Blackland Farm, Weavers Lodge and the range of activities here - <https://girlguidingactivitycentres.org.uk/activities/> and <https://girlguidingactivitycentres.org.uk/centre/blackland-farm/accomodation/weavers-lodge/>

In order to reduce costs, we are proposing that we travel together by coach to the site on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November but that parents then collect their child from the site themselves during the day (time TBC) on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November. It is approx. a 50 minute journey from Swanley.

Personal and team skills, as well as social relationships will be developed over time away and it is a valuable opportunity for the children to work together on a wide variety of exciting activities. It can inspire confidence and a greater sense of value through personal achievement. Above all, it will be great fun!

Participation in outdoor adventurous activities is a curriculum requirement and we strongly encourage all of our children to take this opportunity. For this reason, for children who remain in school will also be taking part in PE and outdoor activities.



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We have endeavoured to keep the cost of the trip as low as possible whilst still allowing the children the opportunity to take part in lots of different activities. The total cost of the trip will be approx. £150 and will be confirmed once we know how many children are participating. You will be able to pay this in instalments, however, and we will issue a payment schedule and cost breakdown in due course to those who have registered to participate. **If you would like your child to attend please complete the attached slip and return it to school with a deposit of £30.00 by Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July to book your child's place.**

We are looking forward to our Year 4 residential trip and hope that your child will be joining us – please do get in touch if you require any further information or have any queries. Likewise, please do contact us should you have any concerns regarding making the payments for the trip; we do appreciate that these are financially difficult times for many.

Yours sincerely



Miss C Rennie  
Deputy Headteacher

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**Yr4 Blackland Farm Residential 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

Please return by Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July

I would like to reserve a place for my child on the 2023 Yr4 Blackland Farm Residential.

*Please indicate -*

I enclose a £30 cash deposit.

I enclose a £30 cheque deposit (payable to High Firs Primary School).

I have paid £30 on SchoolMoney.

Child's name.....

Signed.....



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