

CLIFFE WOODS PRIMARY SCHOOL

26 March 2018

Dear Parents

Y6 RESIDENTIAL TRIP, 10 – 14 JUNE 2019

We will soon be in to the summer term and your children will be thinking about the move from Y5 to Y6 with all the exciting challenges and opportunities that Y6 brings, not least the school residential trip.

Believe it or not, it is about this time of year that we begin planning the following year's trip. We have provisionally booked Conover Hall Adventure Centre, which is run by a company called JCA Adventure. Conover Hall is JCA's flagship centre and is in Shropshire surrounded by beautiful scenery. The trip will allow the children to experience a whole host of activities that we cannot provide in school, such as archery, climbing, low-ropes and kayaking to name just a few.

From day one, the cohort is divided into groups of ten; each group is allocated a JCA Leader (a bit like a Butlin's Red Coat!) who teaches the children songs, gets to know them, instructs them at each activity and generally ensures that the children have the most amazing time possible.

The accommodation is purpose built and has recently been updated. This ensures that all the latest security is in place so your children are kept as safe as can be. All rooms are ensuite so some of the children might even have a wash! The food is amazing, with a choice of hot meal for breakfast, lunch and dinner (as well as a buffet/salad bar). The children never go hungry, not even the pickiest among them – there is always something that they like.

I have been on many residential runs by JCA and have always been impressed at the quality of the trip, but, more importantly, the children come back with superb memories and experiences...as well as singing the annoying songs for weeks on end!

The cost of the trip will be **£390** per child. This is broken down to £345 for the venue and £45 for the coach transport, both of which we have managed to negotiate down as much as we can. However, children will be restricted to £3 per day pocket money (the on-site shop only sells sweets and drinks), so this will be the only additional expense. This year, to spread the costs further, parents will be able to begin paying for the trip in instalments right now. A **£40 deposit** will be required by **Friday 8 June** to secure your child's place, with a further **£60 to be paid by Friday 23 November**. The remaining £290 can be spread over the following months, with **final payments to be received by Friday 29 March 2019**.

If your child would like to go on the trip, please pay the deposit of £40 using Schoolcomms by Friday 8 June. Unfortunately, it is **not** possible for children to decide later in the school year that they wish to go on the trip so I would suggest, if your child is at all anxious about going away from home, that you pay the deposit and then, if they change their mind, you will be reimbursed.

If you have any concerns about the trip or making the payments, please speak to me in the strictest confidence.

Yours sincerely

Mr T Muggidge
Headteacher