

# Bottisham Community Primary School



Headteacher: Rachael Johnston

5<sup>th</sup> September 2019

## **Y4 Residential Trip to Burwell House, 30th and 31st January 2020**

Dear Parent/Carer

In January, we will be running a one-night trip to Burwell House for our Year 4 children. This residential trip has been run in the past few years, to help develop the independence of our Year 4 children and to prepare them for the longer trips in Years 5 and 6. In previous years, it has been very successful and has been enjoyed by all the children. We have carefully chosen a location close to school, and kept it to one night away, so they will feel confident and excited about their visit. Burwell House is a residential centre in a beautiful setting owned by Cambridgeshire County Council. The centre has been running short courses for children for over 35 years. The children will be taking part in lots of exciting educational activities. There will be members of school staff sleeping at the Centre and helping with activities during the day.

The trip will be for two days and one night and will cost £64.34. This will include accommodation, activity costs, freshly prepared food and insurance. In order to keep the costs low, parents will need to take (usually 10:15) and collect (usually 14:15) children directly to and from Burwell House. I will give more details of this nearer the time.

If you have any difficulty with payments or if you are in receipt of Income Support, Child Tax Credit, Income based Job Seekers Allowance, Disabled Persons Tax Credit, please contact Mrs Johnston.

To secure your child's place, please send a deposit of £30 together with the tear-off slip at the end of this letter by FRIDAY 30th November. The remaining balance of £34.34 will need to be paid by FRIDAY 11th January. You can of course pay the full amount now, if you choose to, or you may pay in smaller amounts if needed, but please do inform the office if you wish to do so.

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We will be sending further letters home with more information at a later date. You may also like to visit the Burwell House Website at [www.burwellhouse.com](http://www.burwellhouse.com).

I do hope your child will be able to come on the trip, as I am sure that it will be an enjoyable and rewarding experience for all involved.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. Legge

Year 3/4 Teacher

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Please tick boxes

I give permission for my child to take part in the residential visit to Burwell House 2019 and agree to make arrangements to take her/him to Burwell House and to collect her/him again at the end.

Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_

- I enclose the deposit of \_\_\_\_\_
- I enclose the full amount \_\_\_\_\_
- I would like a receipt

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Please return to your child's Class Teacher by 5th October.

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## **Burwell House Kit List**

We try not to let the weather prevent us from running any activity at Burwell House, so please make sure your children have appropriate clothing with them.

### **All visitors should have:**

- A pair of shoes for wearing indoors (These shoes need to be safe to walk down an external fire escape – plimsolls, trainers or similar are more suitable than slippers)
- A waterproof coat
- Outdoor shoes which could get muddy – with a separate bag (carrier bag good) to put them in
- Changes of clothes/underwear etc (old clothes are best, please avoid jeans as these are uncomfortable when wet).
- At least one warm jumper.
- Night wear.
- Wash kit and distinctive towel.
- A water bottle.

### **Winter**

- Plenty of layers (jumpers, fleeces, etc)
- Hat, gloves, scarves
- Wellies are a really good idea (in their own bag)
- If bringing wellies then children should have a pair of thick socks to wear inside them – particularly in cold weather
- If bringing a camera please ensure it is clearly labelled
- **All articles should be clearly named**

### **Please do not bring:**

- Aerosol sprays, which set off the fire alarms.
- Big floppy slippers, which are dangerous on the fire escapes.
- Bedding – this is provided.
- Mobile phones, electronic games, etc
- Too much! The bag(s) will need carrying up the stairs.

**Please do try to involve your child as much as possible in this process.** Packing can be a valuable learning experience where children become aware of the effort which goes into preparing for any trip away from home. They are also more aware of what they have packed and so are much more likely to return home with the same items!

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