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3rd February 2022

Dear Parents/Carers of Year 5 children,

Year 6 Residential Visit – September/October 2022

Although we are still in the Spring term, plans are already being made for the Year 6 residential in the Autumn. I am very pleased to tell you that we have booked Buckden House Outdoor Activity Centre in the Yorkshire Dales for two full weeks and that we will be sending two groups of children (one a week) to each stay for 5 days/4 nights. The trips will take place during the weeks 26th September – 30th September 2020 and 3rd - 7^h October 2022.

Buckden House is an outdoor activity centre run by Bradford Local Authority and the centre provides a range of rewarding activities and challenges within Upper Wharfedale. We have been using the centre for a number of years and it has an excellent reputation for educational programmes which combine safety and security within a residential setting. There is a new house manager at Buckden and after meeting with him, I am very impressed with his ideas and passion for modernising and revamping a child's experience at the Centre.

Last year we ran a longer full week trip with more adventurous activities and it was a great success. The children and staff loved it.

Residential courses organised by the school form part of the National Curriculum. Although they remain optional, I would strongly recommend that all parents make every effort to send their children. These experiences live long in the memory. I'm sure that parents will recall their own such experiences from when they were at school.

Children benefit enormously from taking part in the visit. As well as being given the opportunity to participate in the adventurous outdoor activities, they will develop their independence, decision making, thinking skills and social interaction. This acts as an essential foundation for further learning and development across the rest of Year 6 and beyond. These trip also give pupils the opportunity to excel in areas that normally are not accessible to them in the classroom. I hope for a full uptake of the places on offer.

The cost of the residential visit will be £270 per child. This includes return travel by coach, full board accommodation, hire of equipment and a full programme of activities with qualified instructors.

To confirm a place for your child, an initial non-refundable deposit of £50 per pupil will be required by 17th March 2022.

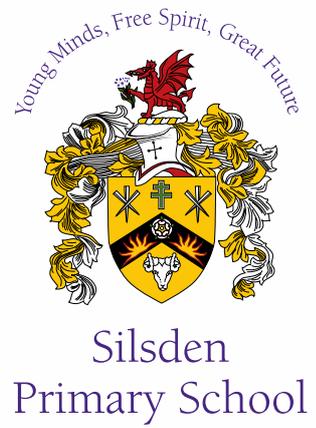


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All payments for the trip should be made online through ParentPay. I am writing to you now to allow a longer period for you to make payments before the outstanding balance is due on 16th September 2022.

I do not want cost to be a barrier to any child attending so please contact me in confidence if cost is a challenge, and we will work out how to enable your child to take part. Pupils who qualify for Free School Meals will be funded through a special funding allocation and we will be contacting the parents of these children to discuss how this works.

Many of you will have sent older children in the past, however there will be some of you who are probably wondering what it is all about.

**We will be holding a parent's information meeting
6.00pm on Wednesday 16th February 2022**

Please come to this to find out more about what Buckden has to offer for your children.

Yours faithfully,

K.S.Russell
Headteacher