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Dear Parents,

As in previous years, we are happy to announce that we are planning to take the Year 4 children to Bewerley Park Outdoor Education Centre near Pateley Bridge as part of our Personal Development offer.

This residential will take place on **Wednesday 1st May 2024 - Friday 3rd May 2024**

The trip is a great opportunity to get to know one another better during an action-packed visit. The children work together as part of a team developing their confidence and self-esteem. Activities include: low ropes course, canoeing, team-building activities, orienteering, bush craft and a visit to Brimham Rocks. By spending time away from home and family, children also develop independence and personal organisational skills.

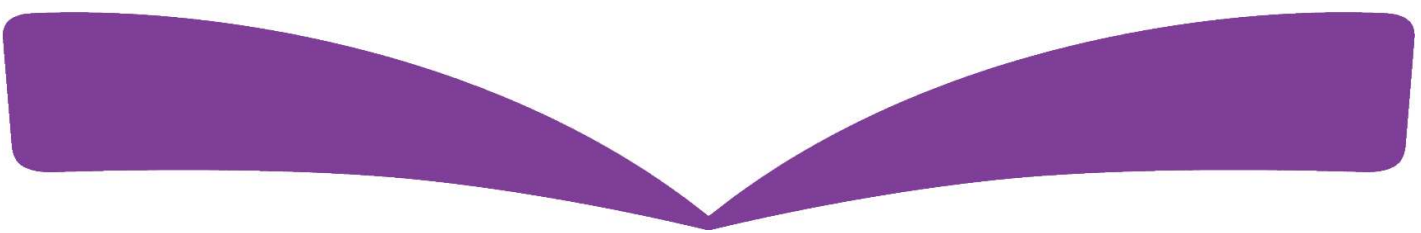
We work closely with the highly trained staff at Bewerley Park in order to plan a trip that is tailored to meet the needs of our children. Western staff will be staying at the centre supporting the children. Last year, the Year 4's who went really enjoyed the experience and learned a lot from it.

Western staff accompanying the children on the trip will be: Mrs Coatesworth, Mrs Collett, Miss Riddle, Ms Smith, Mr Franklin and Miss Kelly. Other members of staff will be confirmed later. A qualified member of 'Bewerley Park' staff will lead all activities at Bewerley Park in 6 groups.

We will be holding a meeting about this trip for parents on **Monday 18th March 2024 at 3.30 pm** (for approximately 20-30 minutes). This will be a chance for you to find out more about the trip and ask any questions you may have. There will be a staff member to sit with any children in a classroom in case you are unable to get childcare.

Cost Information

The cost of Bewerley Park is £275 per pupil and the coach costs £900. The total cost of this visit will be **£295.00 per child**.



These costs are broken down into:

- Transport to and from Bewerley Park,
- All activities at the centre led by qualified instructors,
- Transportation during the trip,
- Food and Accommodation (breakfast, packed lunch, evening meal and supper),
- Clothing hire (waterproof trousers, waterproof jackets, walking boots),

If you have any concerns over being able to cover the full payment, please see Mrs Coatesworth or a member of the Year 3/4 team. Where a family is unable to pay the full cost of this visit, their child would not be excluded from this trip.

Please be advised that the Local Authority's terms and conditions have recently changed with a specific impact on the funding of places. Schools are now obliged to pay a 10% deposit at the time of booking and must also, in the event of an unforeseen reduction in numbers, pay 75% of the value of any booked places which will no longer be taken up. To ensure the school avoids any such financial penalties, we have taken the following steps which I am sure you will understand.

- 1) We must provide final numbers for the trip by Monday 27th November. If a deposit has not been paid by this time, your child will be unable to go to Bewerley Park with their peers.
- 2) All deposits will be on a non-refundable basis.
- 3) No additional payments will be refunded excepting any portion of a payment which is in excess of 75% of the total cost of the visit.

Please use Arbor "Trips" to pay a non-refundable deposit of £60.00 to secure your child's place by Monday 27th November 2023. The remaining balance must be paid by Friday 23rd February 2024.

Look out for a second letter nearer to the departure date giving detailed information.

Please complete the attached medical form for your child and return to school as soon as possible.

We hope your child will be able to take part in what is a superb experience.

Yours sincerely
Angelique Coatesworth
Phase Leader

