St Mary's CE Primary School

'Trust in the Lord and Flourish' (Proverbs 11:28)

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Year 4 Visit to Carding Mill Valley

Tuesday 2nd July 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

This term, Year 4 children will begin their new Geography unit of learning entitled '**What are rivers, and how are they used?**' To support their learning in this area, we have arranged for the class to visit Carding Mill Valley and The Long Mynd in Shropshire, to take part in a river study day lead by the National Trust Education team. During the day they will have the opportunity to complete river measurements, go river dipping for invertebrates at the Education Centre and embark on a guided walk of the Carding Mill Valley to identify river features and the changing habitats and history of the area. This promises to be a very interesting, and enjoyable day for the children.

The coach has been booked for a departure time of 9.00am from school and a 2pm departure from Carding Mill Valley.

On the day, children must wear their **OWL uniform**. It is essential that they wear wellies, or a pair of waterproof walking boots, as they will be entering the shallow part of the river during their visit. Children can also wear/bring a pair of waterproof trousers if they have them. Children must bring a spare pair of trainers and socks to change into if their feet get wet. If the weather is forecast sunny, we strongly advise that the children bring a hat to wear and suncream is applied before they come to school.

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The children will need to bring a packed lunch and a drink (in a suitable container, no cans or glass bottles are allowed). The children will be responsible for carrying their spare trainers, socks, packed lunch and drinks, so a small rucksack is advisable.

If your child is entitled to Free School Meals (FSM), you may request a packed lunch made by the school kitchen. If you wish for your child to take up this offer, please obtain a packed lunch form from the school foyer, or text school and a form will be given to your child to bring home. To enable the kitchen staff to place a food order, the forms must be handed into the school office NO LATER than the morning of Tuesday 25th June. The kitchen staff cannot accept any forms after this date.

Under the requirements of the Education Reform Act, 1988, we can only raise the cost of this visit by voluntary contribution. There is no obligation to contribute and children will not be treated differently according to whether or not a contribution has been made. However, this visit can only go ahead if the level of support is sufficient. It will be necessary therefore, to ask for a voluntary contribution of £21.90 to cover the cost of this visit.

Please consent on sQuid by Tuesday 18th June

Breakdown of costs

Coach £320

Total Workshop cost £270 (£10 per child)

Grand total of visit £ £590

Cost to parents per child £21.90

We are sure that the children will have an excellent time and that the visit will really support their geography learning this term.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Brown

Year 4 Class Teacher