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Dear Parents and Carers

Information for Forest School Residential

We are getting very excited in Otters (and that's just the teachers)! Only a few more sleeps until our residential! We need to start getting ourselves packed and prepared for our big adventure. Here is an outline of the information you will need. The Powerpoint shared at the parent meeting can be found on our Class Hub page on the website.

Prior to Departure Day

Parents of children requiring medication will need to fill in an administering medicine form from the office. All medicine will need to be placed in a named zippy plastic wallet/bag with the form attached and handed to a member of the Otters team on the morning of departure.

We will be talking to the children about their food choices nearer the time but if there are any changes to your child's food allergies or dietary requirements please email the office.

Your child will need a **small** case/rucksack/bag that they can carry themselves. In this case, which they have packed themselves (with your strict supervision!), they will need their kit. There is a copy of the kit list and daily schedule of activities on the letters page of the website, but I have attached a copy to this letter too. Please pack for all weather, including sun cream, hats, raincoats etc.

Ticks are everywhere at the moment (just ask my cat) and so children will need long trousers at all times, please. Do not send them in shorts or with shorts.

You will NOT need sweets, snacks, cameras or any technology, including mobile phones and smart watches. We will be so busy that these will not be necessary, and we will be taking lots of photos. If we need to contact you, we will do that via the centre telephone or via the school phone/text system.

On the day of departure

Please drop your child at the **church** at the normal time.

Can't wait!

Team Otter.

Mrs Vaughan, Miss Mansell and Mrs Brown



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Wild Camping Experience

21st March 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

We are very excited about running our Wild Camping Experience for all the children in Otters Class on Monday 26th – Tuesday 27th June. We run forest school sessions and residentials in a well-established base camp in a 3-acre woodland near Nympsfield. Your children will be collected from school in the morning and transported up to the woods in our minibus, Rita. We will be returning the children back to school the following day afternoon, after a fun-filled woodland experience.

My staff and I have planned some fabulous activities over the two days of challenges, games and tasks, which will keep your children busy, active and having a great time. Please ensure your child has eaten a good breakfast to give them lots energy for the day. It is also recommended that they wear long trousers and sturdy shoes to reduce scratches and bites.

What to bring?

Overnight bag which has the following:

Underwear & socks	Sleeping bag
Clean T shirt	Pillow
Spare change of clothes	Sleeping mat or blanket
Jumper	Teddy
Coat	Torch

PJs

Wash bag – with toothbrush, toothpaste, flannel, small towel and suntan lotion.

Waterproofs trousers

Sleeping Arrangements

The boys and the girls will be sleeping in the different places in wooden dormitories and large marques set in the heart of our base camp. Staff will be sleeping close-by in staff tents. We have lights around toilets and walkways but we do ask that children **bring a torch with them**.

Toilet and Washing Facilities

We have two separate loo sheds which will be nominated boys' and girls' loos. These are hand washing facilities next to each toilet. We also have a Washroom Pod where children can wash their face and brush their teeth.

Food

All food, drinks and snacks will be provided by Raffles Forest School. Each child will be encouraged to help prepare and cook fresh produce for each meal and help wash up as well. Any food allergies must be reported to Horsley School. Access to drinking water will be available throughout their time in the woodland.

Cost

The cost of the two-day residential is £96. This includes transport to and from the woodland, all activities run throughout the two days and all food, snacks and drinks.

We are very excited about the Wild Camping Experience and will look after your children with great care.

We do ask that children leave all electronics and mobile phones at home but if you need to get hold of your child in an emergency please contact me on 07739 189772. This mobile number is on at all times.

With kind regards

Emma Levan
Forest School Leader

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