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Dear Parents/Carers

We are off to Raffles Forest School with Emma again this year for our Year 3/4 residential. After the success of last year, we will be staying overnight, and for 2 full days. The trip will take place from Wednesday 26th to Thursday 27th June 2024. We will leave at 9.00am on the Wednesday morning, and return at approximately 2.15pm on the Thursday, when the children can be picked up from school early.

The cost of this experience is £120 per child, which includes all activities, meals, accommodation and travel. This can be spread across 3 payments of £40.00, if required. The first instalment should be paid by Friday 23rd February, the second by Friday 15th March and the final one before Friday 19th April. If you are concerned about the cost of the trip, please contact Mr Price in confidence. Families in receipt of Pupil Premium will not be expected to pay, but will need to give written consent via email, that their child wishes to attend.

You are invited to an information meeting on Wednesday, 28th February, but meanwhile, we have attached a letter and itinerary from Emma, the Raffles School leader. Do also have a look at Raffle Forest School website on <https://rafflesforestschool.co.uk> for a flavour of our trip.

If your child would like to take part (and we really hope **every** child will come!) please give consent and pay the initial instalment of £40 by Friday 23rd February via Parentpay.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully

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:

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| 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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Wild Camping Experience Itinerary

Monday 26th June

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| 9.30 - 10am | Arrive at woodland Safety talk and sleeping arrangements Snack and drink |
| 10.30am | Morning Activity – team work challenges |
| 12pm | Lunch prep Lunch Washing up |
| 1pm | Afternoon Activity – Forest School Skills |
| 3pm | Cooking Snacks & Drink |
| 3.15pm | Free Time |
| 4.15pm | Dinner prep Dinner Washing up |
| 7.45pm | Night-time Sensory walk through the woodland (Small Groups) Marshmallow toasting Campfire stories / songs |
| 9pm | Get ready for bed |
| 10.30pm-11pm | Lights out! |

Tuesday 27th June

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| 7am | Get up and pack-up /clear sleeping areas |
| 8am | Cooking Breakfast Washing up |
| 9am | Morning Activity – Crafts |
| 11am | Cooking snacks & Drink |
| 12pm | Lunch prep Lunch Washing up |
| 1pm | Award Ceremony |
| 2pm | Travel back to school |

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