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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 Monday 26th to Tuesday 27th June 2023. We will leave at 9.00am on the Monday morning, and return at approximately 2.15pm on the Tuesday, when the children can be picked up from school early.

The cost of this experience is £96 per child, which includes all activities, meals, accommodation and travel. This can be spread across 3 payments if required – a £16 initial deposit (due by Friday 31st March), followed by 2 more payments of £40 each on Friday 28th April and Friday 26th May. If you are concerned about the cost of the trip, please contact Mr Price in confidence.

We will hold an information meeting for parents nearer the time, but meanwhile, I 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 deposit of £16 by Friday 31st March via Parentpay.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully

Peter Feldon



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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 residential 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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Wild Camping Experience Itinerary

Monday 26th June

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

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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