



MALCOLM SARGENT PRIMARY SCHOOL

Love To Learn

16 May 2019

Dear Y5 Parents

TRIP TO TALLINGTON LAKES – MONDAY 8 JULY 2019

Next term, we will be taking the children on an activity day to Tallington Lakes, on Monday 8 July. The children will be taking part in activities which will improve their team building skills, water confidence and methodical thinking. For those children who have passed their 25m swimming award, the activities will include paddle-boarding, raft-building and kayaking. For those who have not yet passed, they will take part in tobogganing, the climbing wall and the shore-based activity of the raft-building. If children pass their 25m swimming course between now and then, they will be able to take part in the water activities. All activities will take place at Tallington Lakes, with instructors.

All children will be provided with the appropriate safety wear required to take part in the tasks. The coach will be leaving school at 0910 to arrive at Tallington for 0930. The children will be back at school for the end of the day. Children should come to school wearing clothes that can get wet, and trainers, with a swimming costume underneath.

Children will need to bring with them, packed into a small rucksack:

- Packed lunch, snacks and drinks
- Towel
- Spare dry clothes and shoes to wear home
- Coat
- Sun hats and sun cream

If you have already ordered a hot lunch we will automatically swap your child's order for a pack-up. If you wish to cancel your hot lunch and provide your own pack-up please contact Mrs Bell at the office by midday on Monday 24 June.

If your child needs an epi-pen or inhaler, we will bring those with us automatically. If your child has one of these at home but not at school for any reason, please talk to your class teacher as soon as possible. If your child requires any other medication, including for travel sickness, please send it in with them on the day, in an envelope, clearly labelled with the child's name, medication name, the dosage time and amount and additionally speak with your child's class teacher.

Payment for this trip will be via the Payments section of the Parentmail app.

Under the school's new Charging and Remissions Policy, this activity is classed as optional. That means that it is not a required activity under the national curriculum. The children have chosen to pay for the coaches with their Fiver Challenge money but we are requesting a voluntary contribution from parents to cover the cost of the activities at Tallington of £17.00 per child. There is no obligation for parents to make a contribution and I would reassure you that no child will be excluded from this activity simply because their parents are unwilling or unable to pay. However, if insufficient voluntary contributions are raised to fund this activity, and the school cannot fund it via another source, the activity will be cancelled. The deadline for payment to be received is Friday 21 June 2019.

Remissions are available for this activity if parents are in genuine financial difficulty. However, funding is limited and there is no guarantee that all requests can be met. Parents in receipt of certain benefits, such as those applicable to Free School Meals, may request assistance with the costs of activities by contacting Mrs Town at the school office in confidence at the earliest opportunity. Decisions regarding funding will be made at the discretion of the Principal on a case by case basis.

This is a fantastic opportunity for the children, not only to prepare them for PGL next year, but also to develop their confidence in trying something new.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Paula Stenson
Head of Y5