

Activities Week, Mon 6th – Fri 10th July 2015

February 2015

Dear Parent

Activities Week provides pupils with the opportunity to tackle different challenges, learn new skills and build new friendships. It is an important part of the school year enabling pupils to develop skills that are useful both in and out of the classroom. We have tried to provide a varied choice of activities, some residential and others school based, with appropriate costs.

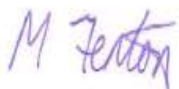
We anticipate some activities filling up very quickly so may I remind you that places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. A quick response also makes it much easier to coordinate staffing and put everything in place to ensure that the week runs smoothly, especially as we are going to attempt to run a circus of activities for some this year. Therefore, can I ask you to return the attached slip as soon as possible, and no later than **Tuesday 24th February**. We plan to run every activity offered but reserve the right to cancel any that does not secure viable numbers.

We would like to offer a 'circus' of activities for the first time this year, allowing pupils to experience a variety of activities. For example, two days Bushcraft, a day's Sport and two days Creative Workshop. At this stage we cannot guarantee that this will be feasible but we will endeavour to make it happen.

It is important that pupils recognise the commitment made upon agreeing to participate in an activity. The loss of just one pupil can place a visit in jeopardy. Therefore, a **non-refundable deposit** will be required for the majority of activities. Once your child has been placed in his or her activity and the numbers finalised, a letter will be sent asking for the deposit. Places will not be secured for activities without this payment.

If you have any queries regarding Activities Week please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Homer in the school office.

Yours sincerely



Mr M Fenton
Assistant Headteacher

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RESIDENTIAL ACTIVITIES

FERNY CROFTS, NEW FOREST

Cost £190

Number of pupils - 25

This is a week's residential visit at a very reasonable cost staying at Ferny Crofts, the Hampshire Scout Base near Beaulieu. The price includes all accommodation in 12 or 5-6 person rooms, instructors' fees and entry to all visits. Activities will include climbing, walking, archery and high ropes. Visits will include Hurst Castle and the Otter and Owl Sanctuary. Pupils will be expected to assist with self-catering! This is a large remote site which allows pupils free time in a safe environment.

NON-RESIDENTIAL ACTIVITIES

WATER & LAND BASED ACTIVITIES

Cost £145

Number of pupils - Multiples of 14 (up to 84)

Based around the New Forest and beyond, pupils will be offered an opportunity to gain experience from a range of activities. The week will be great fun and pupils will need to be prepared to have-a-go when put in any challenging situations. An exciting experience will be the main outcome, with pupils working together in teams and as individuals.

Activities will include:-

Banana boat/Ringos

Kayaking

Laser Quest

High Ropes (Treerunners Course)

Team Building activities

Walking/Orienteering

Water Chutes, Splashdown

BBQ

Final details will be confirmed nearer the time. Most of the activities will take place between 9.00am and 3.15pm, but for two days pupils will return later at approximately 5.00pm.

FISHING

Cost £20 (+£5 for a rod license from the Post Office for those aged 13 or over)

Number of pupils - 20

Five days coarse fishing at the lower lake at Broadlands from **10.00am to 2.30pm each day**. **Each pupil must be able to provide their own equipment and have their own transport to and from the lake.**

HORSE RIDING

Cost £275

Number of pupils - 8 to 14

This wonderful activity will involve riding daily and learning horse and stable management. Pupils will share the care of a pony with another pupil for the week. A British Horse Society testing certificate is available if they would like to take this up. There will also be a competition at the end of the week for those that wish to take part.

MAKING A FILM

Cost £95

Number of pupils – Requires a minimum of 20 pupils (30 max)

This is a repeat of a very successful activity from previous years, welcoming back the staff of “Splats Entertainment” from London. “Splats” run a selection of arts-based activities for schools. They provide an experienced and professional service and give pupils the opportunity to experience film making at a level beyond camcorders and home movies.

Monday will predominantly be a planning day, with shooting days on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, before the editing process begins on Friday. Pupils will have the opportunity to operate all the equipment, act, direct and participate in all aspects of the creative process. Each pupil will receive a copy of the completed film.

We hope to run the activities below both as 'all week activities' and as a 'circus':

CREATIVE WORKSHOP

Cost £50 for the week or £10 per day

A fun, creative and messy activity week! Pupils will have an opportunity to work with a range of different media, including: mosaic work, shirt designs, and clay/3D work. There will be a graffiti work shop in which pupils will learn the techniques of street design and will be able to create their own canvas.

For those who sign up for the whole week we will also be organising a trip to Roche Court to view the sculptures, pupils will then become involved in a drawing/sculpture workshop. This experience will inspire pupils' work which will be created on returning back to school.

This is an ideal course for those who are creative and would like to explore/develop their artistic skills.

SPORTING ACTIVITIES

Cost £15 for the week or £3 per day

During the week you will get the opportunity to play and engage in a number of different sports. We will work together to bring you an exciting and varied programme of both team and individual sports.

BITESIZE BUSHCRAFT – Come explore the great outdoor

Cost £125 for the week or £30 per day

Bitesize Bushcraft will be providing a range of outdoor educational adventurous activities promoting self-development, confidence, respect for the environment and above all FUN. The daily sessions detailed below, can be booked as a weekly programme or individual days:

FIRE, FORAGING & FISH PREPARATION

You'll never look at the woods in the same way again. We will show you Edible, Medicinal and Poisonous plants as well as some tree identification and uses. You will be taken round the woods and fields and collect your food, Light a fire, using a variety of methods from modern day equipment all the way back in time to friction fire. Then you will be taken through process of fish preparation culminating in you making your own fire and cooking a light meal before heading home.

KNIFE WORKSHOP, TRAPS AND SNARES

Our workshops will cover a complete range of knife, folding saw, safety and cutting techniques. You will be shown an array of different traps and snares, then after collecting the materials you need, you'll be able to make the following items of your choice: mallets, pegs, spoons, pot hangers, traps and snare triggers.

CORDAGE, NATURAL NAVIGATION & TRACKING

By the end of the session you will be able to identify and process a variety of materials for Natural Cordage. Be able to confidently work out any of the 4 compass points by only using natural resources around you. Every animal leaves a trail of some description, with a keen eye you will be able to unravel the subtle changes of the environment to be able to track and observe our wonderful wildlife.

GAME PREPARATION AND WILDERNESS COOKING

Over the course of the day you will be shown how to confidently prepare various species of Wild Game for eating in a humane and hygienic environment. You will then explore various primitive cooking techniques over an open fire.

SHELTER BUILDING & FLINT KNAPPING

A day of Primitive Craft workshops. By taking a trip back to the Stone Age, You will learn to craft various hand tools including Hand Axe, Knives, Scrapers & Arrow Heads as well as constructing a survival shelter.

ACTIVITIES WEEK PREFERENCES FORM Monday 6th – Friday 10th July 2015

Name

Tutor group

You may choose up to 3 activities from the list below. List in order of preference:

- Ferny Crofts
- Water & Land
- Fishing
- Horse Riding
- Making a Film
- Creative Workshop (all week)
- Sport (all week)
- Bitesize Bushcraft (all week)
- Circus*

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*Circus - At this stage we cannot guarantee specific activities within Bushcraft, Creative Workshop or Sport. We will endeavour to do this once we have a more accurate picture of preferences. If 'Circus' is one of your preferences above then please indicate below how many days on each of the 3 activities you would like:

	Creative Workshop	Sport	Bitesize Bushcraft
Day 1		<i>Eg Creative</i>	
Day 2		<i>Eg Creative</i>	
Day 3		<i>Eg Sport</i>	
Day 4		<i>Eg Sport</i>	
Day 5		<i>Eg Bushcraft</i>	

	My child is registered for Pupil / Services Premium and I would like to apply for a contribution towards the cost of this activity if appropriate (Please tick the box). Contributions will only be released once the balance has been paid.
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PUPILS WILL BE ASSIGNED TO ACTIVITIES ON A 'FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED' BASIS

Please return this form to Mrs Homer in the school office by **Tuesday 24th February**. Forms that are received after this date are unlikely to give pupils their 1st preference.

Signature of Parent..... Date.....