



# South Gosforth First School

*'Roots to grow and wings to fly'*

Dear Year 4 Parents & Carers

As I mentioned in my newsletter on Friday, due to the fact that our Year 4 children will be unable to attend the Robinwood residential this year, we have planned a special week of outdoor learning with a '24 hour residential' where our Year 4 children will stay outside in a tent on the school field for one night, alongside taking part in a whole range of other outdoor learning activities.

As luck would have it, one of our tutors from the 'National Tutoring Programme' who has been working with us this half term, Mr John Hymus, also runs his own outdoor learning company. We have managed to secure him and his staff to come and run the 24 hour residential for us alongside myself, Mrs Whitehouse and some of the other staff in school (staff attending to be confirmed.)

The 24 hour residential will take place on:

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> June – Miss Bell's class (4B)**

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> June – Mr Crown's class (4C)**

The 'residential' will consist of the following activities – some of these will be during the school day and some of them will be on the evening. The 'Mr H Outdoor Experience' consists of the following:

- **Day 1**
- 09:30 – 10:00 = Greeting/H&S/Children set up their tents\* (2-man tents) (\*only for Miss Bell's group – the tents will stay up for Mr Crown's class and be sanitised between uses.)
- 10:00 – 12:45 = Activity 1 and lunch = Orienteering in Jesmond Dene. Groups of 6 from school walk to the Dene. Orienteering and map reading activity in the park and then to return after having packed lunches on the park field. Each of the 5 teams would be chaperoned by school staff.
- Mr H would spend a morning in school before the event with each Year 4 class completing 3D maps and onsite orienteering. This will give the children the skills to complete off-site orienteering.
- 12:45 – 13:45 = Soft Archery (in groups of 10)
- 13:55 – 14:55 = Fire Lighting and Back Woods Cooking
- 15:05 – 16:05 = 70 ft Assault Course
- 16:15 – 17:30 = Pizza Party (9" pizza of choice and chips – another option for children who don't like pizza i.e. burger)
- 17:30 – 18:15 = Water Battle
- 18:15 – 19:00 = Campfire Songs with Hot Chocolate & Free Time ☐      19:00 – 20:30 = Silent Disco

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- 20:30 – 21:00 = Chill Time by the Fire before bed in tents
- **Day 2**
- 08:00 – 08:45 = Breakfast (Cooked breakfast and cereal)
- 08:45 – 09:00 = Pack personal items and goodbyes
- 09:00 – 09:15 = Change, wash face and brush teeth etc ready for a day at school

Please note that all of these activities will be fully risk assessed and chaperoned by members of staff.

### **Cost & Permissions of '24 Hour Residential'**

The cost for this experience for this experience is **£55** per pupil.

This cost covers the renting of the tent, all food and other resources for activities which will be used on the day / evening.

If you would like your child to attend, we would require that you pay this amount of **£55** in full on 'ParentPay' in the 'Y4 24 Hour Residential' section no later than **Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> April**. I will be in touch with our 'Pupil Premium' and 'Pupil Premium Plus' families in a separate email with additional information regarding payments.

In addition to providing payment, we would also need our families to tick the box on the 'ParentPay' app which confirms that you give full permission for your child to attend.

As you can see, we have some wonderful outdoor learning activities planned for the children which will hopefully go at least some way to make up for the fact that we are unable to take them away to Robinwood this year. We do hope that all of our children will attend as we are really looking forward to offering them this experience before they go off to middle school. If you know that you definitely **do not** want to allow your child to attend, or would like to make some further enquiries before signing up, please contact us at school **as soon as possible** please by dropping us an email or giving us a call. Thank you all in advance.

Best wishes

Mr Adams

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