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Wednesday, 11th March 2020

**Year Four 11B411 Sleeping Under the Stars
Friday, 13th March 2020**



Dear Parents and Carers,

As part of our 11B411 programme, Year Four will be taking part in the 'Sleeping Under the Stars' experience this Friday. We hope that this opportunity will allow the children to learn about different constellations and the children's place in the universe, whilst also developing their resilience as they stay away from home for a night (in advance of other residential in the future, such as the Germany trip in October or our Year Six residential in a couple of years' time).

On this day the children will go home at the usual time but will need to return at 6.30pm for their indoor camp that will be set up by myself, Mr. Foster, Miss. Crown and Mr. Wanford.

Throughout the evening, we are planning a range of activities and events for the children, including:

- Outdoor orienteering;
- Watching a space/universe themed movie (age appropriate of course!)
- Astronomy activities
- Stargazing and what to look for

During the evening, we will be providing the children with take-away type pizza and side dishes, drinks and even hot chocolate before bed! We will cater for the dietary requirements of pupils as we have listed on our system at school, such as halal, vegetarian and any intolerances.

Whilst the school will be providing food and activities for the children, the children will need to bring the following:

- Change of clothes (for the next day) and pyjamas (for sleeping in)
- Warm coat
- Durable footwear (for going outside on the field, potentially muddy)
- Toothbrush and toothpaste
- Water bottle
- Sleeping bag
- Pillow
- Sleeping mat (if possible – but if not, we shall use our gym mats)
- A torch for our orienteering activity (if possible – but if not, we have a supply at school)

If children would like to bring some sweets/treats with them for the evening, for example whilst watching a film or as an after-dinner treat, then please send your child in with a small bag of

goodies – however, please be mindful that anything sent in cannot contain nuts, and please consider quantity carefully. We'd rather not have to call you if your child is sick!

Children will be sleeping in the main hall, with boys and girls sleeping in different areas to ensure privacy and the safeguarding of all children. Staff will remain with the children throughout the evening and night, and there will always be an adult 'on duty', should the children need anything throughout the night.

We will also be providing breakfast for the children on the Saturday morning (14th March) before they leave, and this will consist of a range of cereals, toast and juices. Parents/carers will need to collect their child from the school at 9.00am.

Thank you for your continued support and if you have any further questions about the trip, please do come and ask us.

Yours faithfully,



Mr. Sean English
Deputy Headteacher

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Name of child

Class



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Please tick as appropriate:

- I have paid the voluntary contribution via Arbor online.
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- My child is eligible for Pupil Premium and I understand that the school will arrange for the contribution to be made.

Parent/carer name

Parent/carer signature

Date

PLEASE RETURN THIS SLIP TO YOUR CHILD'S CLASS TEACHER OR THE SCHOOL OFFICE BY 3:30PM ON THURSDAY, 20TH FEBRUARY 2020