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Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> May 2025

**Year Four – 11 Before 11 - Sleeping Under the Stars**  
**Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> July 2025**

Dear Parents and Carers,

As part of our 11B411 programme, we are inviting Year Four to take part in the 'Sleeping Under the Stars' experience. We hope that this opportunity will allow 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.

This experience will be taking place on **Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> July** at the school. On this day, the children will go home at the usual time but will need to **return** at 5:30pm.

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

- Pitching tents
- Indoor and outdoor games
- Watching a movie (age appropriate of course!)
- Stargazing activities

During the evening, we will be providing the children with pizza, drinks and even hot chocolate before bed! We will cater for the dietary requirements of pupils 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)
- Water bottle
- Warm Coat
- Durable footwear (for going outside on the field, potentially muddy)
- Sleeping bag
- Pyjamas
- Pillow
- Sleeping mat or yoga mat (we have a limited number of PE mats to use)
- Toothbrush and toothpaste
- One small cuddly toy (optional)
- Book (optional)

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 up if your child is sick!

For the first time, to add to what is already one of the children's favourite 11B411 promises, the children this year will be camping outside! On Friday afternoon, the children will start pitching their tents. If needed, they can finish pitching them at 5:30pm once they return. The tents are being provided by the school so there is no expectation that your child should bring one. If, however, your child has a tent that they know how to put up, please speak to their class teacher to discuss the possibility of them bringing this in.

We are also providing breakfast for the children on the Saturday morning (12<sup>th</sup> July) before they leave, and this will consist of a range of cereals, fruit and juices. Parents/carers will need to collect their child from the school at **8.30am**.

If your child requires any medication specific to the event that cannot be administered at home (i.e., anti-sickness or hay fever medication), please be aware that you are required to complete the relevant paperwork ahead of the event. Please contact Ms. West for further information regarding this as we cannot accept medication when it is handed straight to a member of staff. We must have the relevant paperwork in place.

We are asking for a voluntary contribution towards the cost of trip, which will be £7.00. This includes the cost of food and activities for the event. Please make payment via Arbor and complete this [form](#) to indicate if your child would like to attend by **3.30pm** Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> June.

Please be aware that insufficient contributions may mean that we need to cancel this event. If your child is eligible for Pupil Premium, the school will fund the cost of the experience for your child. However, if you are experiencing difficulties meeting this payment, then please contact the office team to discuss.

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

Yours faithfully,

Miss. South  
LKS2 Assistant Headteacher

Mrs. Colby  
Year Four Rowan  
Class Teacher

Miss. Gray  
Year Four Ash  
Class Teacher