

7th February 2019

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 4 Residential Trip to The Wilderness Centre

We are delighted to be able to offer children in Year 4 the opportunity to take part in three days of environmental activities at The Wilderness Centre in the Forest of Dean. There will be two groups: the dates for the first group will be from **1st – 3rd July** and the second group will be from **3rd – 5th July**. During their stay the children take part in a range of activities in the forest including orienteering, crate stacking, a team challenge of low ropes, fire lighting and other problem-solving activities. They will enjoy a night walk through woodland searching for signs of nocturnal animals. We encourage all children to take part in this residential trip as it helps develop their confidence, team work and social skills.

If you would like your child to take part, we ask for a voluntary contribution of £168.09 to cover the cost of the activities, transport, accommodation and food. If your child is currently eligible for Free School Meals, or has been during their time at St Mary's, we ask for a reduced voluntary contribution of £90.59.

We will be holding a meeting for parents to provide more information about this trip on Thursday 28th February at 3.30pm in Maple Class.

In the meantime, please complete the reply slip below indicating whether your child is able to attend. To ensure that there are sufficient children to make this trip viable and because we have to secure our school place at The Wilderness Centre, we also ask you to pay a deposit of £40 (£25 FSM pupils) by Monday 3rd March.

As usual payments can be made by **ParentPay**, cash or cheque (payable to Gloucestershire County Council) to the School Office. Please remember that paying via **ParentPay** gives you an automatic receipt and allows you to pay in instalments with times and amounts to suit you. Please ensure that the balance is paid by Friday 21st June.

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Royle, Mrs Danton and Mrs Wheeler

The Wilderness Centre Residential Trip – 1st to 3rd and 3rd to 5th July 2019

- My child in Class will*/will not* be participating in the trip.
- I will be able* / unable* to attend the Information meeting on Thursday, 28th February at 3.30pm.
- I enclose*/will pay by **ParentPay** * an initial contribution of £.....

* please delete as applicable

Signed:Parent/Carer

Date: