

6<sup>th</sup> February 2018

Dear Parent/Carer

**Year 4 Residential Trip to The Wilderness Centre**

We are delighted to be able to offer all children in Year 4 the opportunity to take part in three days of environmental activities at The Wilderness Centre in the Forest of Dean from 27<sup>th</sup>– 29<sup>th</sup> June. During their stay the children take part in a range of activities in the forest including orienteering, 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. **We will be holding a meeting on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March in Maple Class at 3:20pm to tell you and your child all about it. We hope you can join us.**

If you would like your child to take part we ask for a voluntary contribution of £162.50 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 Marys, we ask for a reduced voluntary contribution of £94.

To ensure that there are sufficient children to make this trip viable and because we have to secure our school place at The Wilderness, we also ask you to indicate whether or not your child will be participating in this trip and to pay a deposit of £55 (£34 FSM pupils) by Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March.

As we may not be able to go ahead with this trip if we do not receive sufficient funds, which would be hugely disappointing, we suggest the following contribution dates: 31<sup>st</sup> May - £54 (£30 FSM pupils); 24<sup>th</sup> June £53.50 (£30 FSM pupils).

If possible please make payments via ParentPay. Using this method you can pay in one go or in weekly or monthly instalments to suit you. You can also pay at a time convenient for yourself (evenings, school holidays) and easily track how much you have paid. Alternatively you can pay by card, cash or cheque (payable to Gloucestershire County Council) to the School Office.

A kit list and medical form will be sent home later in the term. In the meantime if you have any questions or require further details please contact the School Office.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Royle, Mrs Danton, Mr Malpass and Miss Snell

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My child ..... in ..... Class will\*/will not\* be participating in the trip.

I enclose\*/will be paying via ParentPay\* an initial contribution of £.....

Signed: .....Parent/Carer

Date: .....