

## For children that are currently in year 4

### Year 5 School Journey to Nethercott Farm

September 25<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> 2023

Dear parents and carers,

**At the beginning of next academic year (September 2023) your child is invited to spend a week at Nethercott Farm.**

Nethercott Farm is a large Victorian farmhouse in Devon, on the edge of Dartmoor. It is part of the Farms for City Children group, set up by the author Michael Morpurgo and his wife Clare to offer children the chance to experience a week working and living together on a farm.

Each day, the children will carry out a range of farm based activities such as cleaning the horses, feeding the farm animals or helping with the cows at the nearby dairy farm. They also get to harvest vegetables from the kitchen garden and help cook their meals. They will also have the chance to enjoy other countryside activities like walks, crafts, campfires and visiting the local village, the place that inspired Michael Morpurgo to write his novel "War Horse".

All the while, they will be cared for by the lovely staff that work at the farm, being fed lovely meals and enjoying social time together with their friends. It is an unforgettable week away from home that we hope will provide the children with happy memories for years to come.

Residential Trips are an important part of your child's time at school, giving them the opportunities to experience a different way of life and learn to work and live together. To make sure that we can get as many children to come as possible, the school heavily subsidises the cost of this trip.

**The cost of the trip to you, including all travel and meals is £200.**

This can be paid all at or in instalments on or before the dates below. A payment will book your child's place on the trip but all payments must be made before the final date to ensure your child can attend.

Cost	Due date
£50 deposit - non refundable	Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> February
£50	Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March
£50	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May
£50 - Final payment	Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> July

**If you would like your child to attend then please can you email the school office on**

[office@idacademy.org.uk](mailto:office@idacademy.org.uk)

**stating your child's full name, their class and that you would like them to attend the trip to Nethercott farm in September 2023**

Once we have your child's name we can set up a payment schedule for you so that the deposit and further instalments can be made via SchoolMoney [www.eduspot.co.uk](http://www.eduspot.co.uk) or at any PayPoint shop using your unique PayPoint slip that can be provided by the school office.

**Places are limited for this trip due to the size of the farm so please inform us as soon as you can that you want your child to attend so that we can secure their place.**

All details about the trip will be shared with you closer to the time but some key things to know are...

*We will leave school on the morning of Monday September 25<sup>th</sup>, travelling by coach to Devon, returning on the afternoon of Friday 29<sup>th</sup>*

*The farm provides waterproof clothing for the children to wear when working out on the farm so there is no need to purchase any expensive equipment or clothing for your children to attend.*

*All medical needs will be arranged by the school staff before departure*

*All dietary needs can be catered for by the farm (vegetarian, Halal, allergies etc..)*

*The children sleep in single sex dormitories (about 6-10 children per room) all with en-suite shower rooms.*

*Staff from school will be with the children at all times.*

*You will not have direct contact with the children while they are at the farm but can choose to join the trip WhatsApp group to get regular updates about what they have been up to.*

To find out more about the farms visit [www.farmsforcitychildren.org](http://www.farmsforcitychildren.org)

If you would like to know anything else about the trip before you sign up then do not hesitate to get in touch. You can speak to me in the playground if you see me after school or contact me on [tcrane@jdacademy.org.uk](mailto:tcrane@jdacademy.org.uk) I will be happy to answer any of your questions.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

Teddy Crane

*Outdoor learning coordinator*