



John Donne Primary School

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Year 6 School Journey

Bushcraft Camp - Cornbury Park - Oxfordshire

New Dates: Monday 17th May- Friday 21st May 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

In light of the fast changing situation regarding the Covid-19 coronavirus outbreak and the updated advice from the government, we have decided to amend the dates for The Bushcraft Company camping trip at Cornbury Park for this upcoming academic year. The safety and well-being for the pupils, John Donne staff and staff at the Cornbury Park camp was our primary concern for the amendment of these dates.

Please be advised that the new dates for The Year 6 Bushcraft Camp trip is now on the week commencing **Monday 17th May- Friday 21st May 2021**. This is *one week after the conclusion of the KS2 SATS Tests* and will be a great way for the children to celebrate and reflect on their learning during the next academic year.

The main themes of the year 6 trip will still be focussed on ***facing challenges together and learning responsibility and independence.***

We will leave school on the Monday morning (7:30am) and travel by coach to Oxfordshire. It should take about 2 hours to get there. The children will be introduced to the camp staff and then walk through the woods to find their camp for the week. They will sleep in large tents of 8-10 children. Over the course of 5 days they will face a range of challenges and tasks. Some of them will be difficult, all of them offer an amazing experience.

Activities will include:

Archery

Assault courses

Shelter building in the woods

Building and cooking on the campfire

Night time walks

Problem solving and teamwork challenges

Lifesaving skills

Swimming



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Nature trails

Survival skills including trap making

The children will spend the whole week in the woods and really get to know the setting and the staff. Each camp has its own kitchen tent and they will be treated to an amazing array of food to keep them going through all of the activities they will do. All dietary requirements can be taken into account.

All of the activities are led by the centre staff and there will be at least three members of school staff on the trip. We are aware that some children will get home sick and find being away from home difficult. We want them to feel comfortable and secure and hope we will be able to reassure them and look after them as well as you would expect. We do not let the children call home as this often makes it worse and an important part of school journey is learning how to cope in new circumstances and develop their independence.

If you would like to know any more information about the company and the camps that they run, then take a look at their website. Follow the links to the different centres and courses they have and look for "The woods" and "Cornbury Park".

<http://www.thebushcraftcompany.com>

The children will spend 4 nights at the camp and return home on Friday afternoon. We aim to be back at school by the end of the normal school day but will notify the school if traffic causes any delays. They would have had 5 days packed full of activities and adventures and be keen to tell you everything that they got up to.

The cost of the 5 days away is £180 per child.

This cost has been heavily subsidised by the school already.

The updated Payment Plan is as follows.

Cost	Due date
£40 deposit NON-REFUNDABLE	Pay as soon as possible to get your name on the list and to set up your online payments.
£60	Friday 2nd October 2020
£40	Friday 20th November 2020
£40 FINAL PAYMENT	Friday 29th January 2021

You can make payments online via schoolmoney www.schoolmoney.co.uk or at any paypoint shop using your unique paypoint slip that you can obtain from the school office.