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Principal Mrs. C. Williams

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Dear Parents

Residential Visit to Kingswood Nursery and Infant Centre

Our Year 2 pupils have been given the opportunity to take part in a one-night residential visit to the Kingswood Centre from Wednesday 22 October to Thursday 23 October 2014. The cost will be £50.00. This cost includes accommodation, food and snacks and transport. Below is some information provided by the centre and outlines some of the activities the children will experience.

Information about the Kingswood Nursery and Infant Centre

A visit to Kingswood will provide your child with many valuable learning opportunities such as exploring a rural environment first hand, enjoying a variety of practical outdoor activities and the excitement of sharing a night away from home with their friends and teachers.

Kingswood Nursery and Infant Centre is surrounded by beautiful woodland and is situated six miles to the west of Wolverhampton near to the village of Albrighton. Children between the ages of three and eight years visit the centre working and learning within the natural outdoor environment.

Before the visit a careful plan will be made following joint discussions between centre staff and Mrs Brereton to ensure that the centre staff provide appropriate activities and experiences to support your child's learning. Learning experiences may include: Animal handling and observing wildlife, pond dipping, mini-beast safaris, tracks and trails, adventurous games, visiting the air raid shelters and using a variety of large and small outdoor equipment. The children will experience walking in the countryside which may take them across to Kingswood Common, through local villages, through farmland, woods and fields. They will use maps, follow routes and learn about the countryside code.

The children will arrive at Kingswood on the first morning at about 10.00 a.m. and return to school at the usual home time on the second day. All meals, snacks and drinks are provided. With advance notice special diets may be arranged. The centre has four modern bedrooms which are warm and welcoming. The rooms have waterproof beds and new bedding.

During the visit children will be encouraged to work together, helping each other throughout the day with jobs including bed making.

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The children enjoy working outside in all weathers and so Kingswood staff provide waterproof coats and trousers and wellies for loan should they be required.

Suggested kit list for an overnight visit is as follows:

Night clothes

Toilet bag containing – toothbrush, toothpaste, flannel, soap, brush or comb and a towel.

Indoor shoes or slippers

Trainers or suitable outdoor shoes

Wellies (in a carrier bag)

Waterproof coat

Long sleeved top and T shirt

Long trousers/jog pants

Change of clothes (including underwear and extra socks for winter or cold autumn weather)

Hat, gloves and scarf (winter or cold autumn weather)

Soft toy for bed

2 named plastic carrier bags

A water bottle (empty to avoid spillage on the journey here)

NB: Please ensure all of the children's belongings are clearly named.

Children may bring a maximum of £3.00 spending money to purchase small souvenirs from the Kingswood Gift Shop. Please send money in an envelope marked with your child's name.

We advise children to wear play clothes rather than their best clothes and that jewellery should be left at home. Long sleeves and long trousers will protect your children against the undergrowth in summer and provide warmth in autumn/winter.

If you wish your child to take part in this residential visit, please complete and return the attached Residential Consent Form with payment as soon as possible. All monies should be received in school no later than **Monday 06 October** in order that we can confirm our booking with the centre. **Please complete all parts of the consent form fully including any medical conditions, allergies and dietary requirements. Thank you.**

A meeting will be held on Friday 03 October at 2.30 p.m. where parents will have the opportunity to meet with Mrs Brereton and I as we outline the activities that the children will follow when they visit the Kingswood Centre.

Yours sincerely

C Williams
Principal

A Brereton
Year 2 Class Teacher