

STROUD VALLEY COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

15th June 2017

Dear Parents,

YEAR 5 RESIDENTIAL 2017

This will take place from 11th to 13th October at Hooke Court in Dorset. The current Year 5's went there last year and had a wonderful time. Both staff and children were very impressed with the activities on offer, as well as the accommodation and facilities. Although there are similar centres closer to Gloucestershire, they proved to be more expensive and did not offer the same kind of experience.

We plan to take the children to Hooke Court from Wednesday 11th October to Friday 13th October 2017 when they begin Year 5. Hooke Court has a range of exciting on-site activities which are both fun and educational, providing maximum benefit for everyone who undertakes them. They have been designed to enhance and complement the National Curriculum as well as develop team work, communication and negotiation skills and improve personal confidence. Attached to this letter is a copy of last year's itinerary to give you an idea of the activities on offer. Please note that this year's may change as the exact itinerary has yet to be confirmed by Hooke Court. Also attached is a kit list so that you have an idea of clothes etc. your child will need to take with him / her.

The cost for a three day, two night stay will be £125 which will cover the cost of all meals (cooked breakfast, packed lunch and evening meal), accommodation, use of all facilities, a full range of organised activities (both day and evening), the coach fare and insurance. The children will also be able to take £5 spending money with them.

As we will have to pay a deposit to Hooke Court before the end of this term we require a deposit of at least £25, which we would ask for by July 14th but the rest can be paid in instalments, up to September 22nd, when the full amount must be paid. We are now able to offer you the chance to pay for this visit using ParentPay. If you do not already have a ParentPay account and would like to set one up please ask Debbie for your log-in details. This is our preferred method of payment but if you really would rather not do this, then please send cash or cheque (payable to Stroud Valley School) to the office.

If you are going through a period of financial difficulty, please don't hesitate to come to the office where we have details of an educational charity which may be able to help with some funding for those children whose families are on a low income.

Please complete and return the slip below by Wednesday July 7th so that we can confirm numbers with Hooke Court and the £25 deposit no later than Friday July 14th. Thank you.

Yours sincerely,
Debbie Sleep
Headteacher

Please complete and return this slip to school by July 7th.

CHILD'S NAME.....

I do/do not (*please delete appropriately*) give permission for my child to take part in the Year 5 residential to Hooke Court from 11th to 13th October 2017

I enclose a deposit of £..... I will send the deposit to school by July 14th 2017

I will pay a deposit of £..... using ParentPay

Signed _____

Date _____

Hooke Court
Hooke
Beaminster
Dorset DT8 3NX

School: Stroud Valley Primary

ITINERARY TO BE CONFIRMED

Wednesday	08.45 09.00 12.00 13.30 16.00 Evening	Meet at Parliament St. Car Park Prompt departure! Arrive Hooke Court - Lunch Bridging the Moat Own Activities Evening Meal Night Search & Rescue
Thursday	9.30 12.30 13.30 16.00 Evening	Breakfast Bridge the Moat Lunch Team Building Own Activities Evening Meal Kite Workshop
Friday	9.30 12.00 onwards 16.00 (approx)	Breakfast Rocket Building Lunch & depart Hooke Court Arrive back at Parliament St. Car Park

Essential Items for a stay at Hooke Court

Clothing and shoes worn outside during activities will inevitably get dirty – so old clothes are best! We try to help children look after their things, but items regularly get lost or left behind. We therefore strongly recommend that you name all items of clothing – and provide your child with a packing list, so that he/she can check items back into their bag.

Please use the following checklist to help pack bags:

- 1 Bath towel
- Toiletries bag containing: toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, hairbrush etc.
- Night clothes
- Socks and underwear
- T-shirts, shirts / blouses (at least 1 with long-sleeves)
- Thick sweater + light sweater, sweat shirt
- Pairs of trousers and/or jeans and/or tracksuit bottoms and/or shorts and/or skirts
- Waterproof jacket (and trousers if you have them)
- Sturdy shoes or wellingtons (even in summer; particularly necessary for river studies)
- 1 pair of trainers
- Torch
- Large plastic bag for dirty clothes
- Gloves, hat, scarf (in winter)
- Sun hat and cream (in summer)
- Water Bottle
- Lunch for Day One

* Please note that most outdoor activities require long sleeves and long trousers even in the summer to protect legs and arms from scratches, ticks etc.

Please do not send mobile phones, expensive cameras, electronic games, ipods or mp3 players, expensive or much-cherished jewellery, expensive or favourite clothing or shoes. All accommodation is locked securely but we cannot be responsible for any loss or damage to personal property.