

Spring Fest



20.6.23

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are sure you have heard the buzz around this year's exciting plan to host the first ever Spring Fest for our Year 6 children to celebrate the end of their wonderful journey through the Springwood Federation.

It has long been our wish to ensure that every child leaves our federation having experienced at least one residential experience but we know this can be costly and not always possible. This year Springwood Federation bid for funding to support us and we are thrilled to say our application has been successful.



Guinness Housing have very generously donated £5,000 worth of camping equipment which will enable an entire year group and teachers to camp here in our fantastic grounds with no cost to parents. We are truly thankful for this donation. The opportunity to enhance children's team building skills and enable them to take risks will further support them to develop confidence and resilience as they transition into secondary education where further experiences await them.



Typically, we offer our Year 6 leavers a 'Bushcraft Day' and Disco; however, this year we will combine these with an overnight camp to launch our very first SpringFest.

We are so very proud of our children and schools and are delighted that other businesses in the local community also want to invest in the future of our young people.

Drop off and Collection Arrangements:

Thursday 20th July 2023

- **8.30am – 8.45am** Year 6 children should arrive at school dressed in old clothes ready for a Bushcraft Day.
 - *As the British weather is unpredictable, your child will need to be wearing old shoes / wellies, suncream that does not contain nut oil, a hat, long trousers and they should have*

a waterproof coat.

- *As part of the activities, the children will work in teams to put up the tents / develop the camp area.*

Kit List

On the morning of Thursday 20th July, children should also bring with them a named bag containing the following kit:

- *toothbrush*
 - *toothpaste*
 - *roll on deodorant*
 - *small pack of wet wipes to freshen up after disco and before school*
 - *hairbrush / comb*
 - *teddy*
 - *pillow*
 - *full-length pyjama bottoms or tracksuit trousers and long sleeved top or hoodie (to sleep in).*
 - *clean pants / socks*
 - *Children will need a spare set of clothing for Friday (non-school uniform), suncream that does not contain nut oil, a hat and a waterproof coat again.*
 - *No phones / electronic games are permitted*
 - *No money is required*
- **3pm - Year 6 children should be collected** in the usual way. **Your child should have a wash, get changed and eat a meal at home.**
 - **6pm - Year 6 children should arrive at school**, in age-appropriate festival clothes (shorts / flowery tops/ t shirts /headbands etc).
 - **8pm – Year 6 SpringFest Disco finishes** – (although we very much hope all children will stay for the whole experience, any child not wishing to should be collected from the Junior School Hall at 8pm promptly.) Gates will be locked at 8.15pm
 - Children will begin camp games and activities and change for bed at 9pm.

9.30pm – 10pm- Torches / Lamps out – Please note that our dedicated staff will be follow a sleep timetable so that at least 2 members of staff are awake and on watch at all times through the night.

Friday 21st July 2023

- **Before 8.30am** – Children to change into daytime clothing / reapply suncream if required
- **Breakfast Arrangements**
 - Your child will be provided with breakfast (similar to that provided during SATS week)
- **8.30am** Registers will be taken as normal and lunches ordered
- **Dismantling tents and store equipment**
 - The children will work in teams to dismantle the tents and re-store the equipment.

Medical Arrangements / Emergency Contacts

- Please complete the form attached informing the school of medical needs, any medicines that require administering and also a contact number for a parent / carer **who must be available to attend school in the night if an emergency should arise.**
This must be returned by Friday 14th July 2023.
- Throughout the evening, the children will have the opportunity to have festival make up designs. **Please advise the class teacher if your child has any allergies**

We are so excited to help our Year 6 children create one final lasting memory through this exciting experience and thank you for your support as always.

Yours sincerely

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