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Dear Homes

We are writing to let you know we have secured a date in 2024 for the current year 5 children to go to Arthog Outdoor Education Centre. The children in Year 6 in 2024, will have the opportunity to attend a 4 night residential from $18^{th} - 22^{nd}$ March 2024 (Monday – Friday), *please save the date in your diaries!* This will be a chance for children to take part in various activities, which may include team building tasks, orienteering, canoeing, rock climbing and gorge scrambling. We have taken our year 6 pupils on this trip for several years and believe that it is a fantastic experience, which helps to promote personal and social development, independence and outdoor learning.

As with everything, prices are increasing with the cost of living and we would like to give parents as much notice as possible to budget for this rewarding trip. We have been given approximate costs from Arthog and coach companies, which currently works out at **£370 per child**. As a comparison, this year's residential for year 6 to Arthog has cost £355 per child. This is a charge to cover the stay, all activities, food (except for a packed lunch on the 1st day) and transport by coach to and from Arthog. We do appreciate the cost of this trip may be difficult for some in the current climate, and we hope giving parent 12 months' notice will help as many of our children to go as possible. Please note that if your child is eligible for benefit related free school meals, we will be able to offer a 50% reduction on the full price (£185.00 approximately).

We would like to give parents the option of an extended payment plan to help families budget for this trip and can set this up on School Money with installments from April 2023. Please note the current cost is approximate and may increase slightly when coach quotes are confirmed at the beginning of the Autumn Term. If the event of a slight change to the costing, school money would be amended accordingly. Payment is non refundable. Please complete the attached Microsoft Form to indicate your preference of utilizing the extended payment plan. https://forms.office.com/e/EcsDPSVeVu

Kind Regards

The Oakmeadow Team





