

17th November 2009

To Parents of Pupils in Year 5

Dear Parents

Following many very successful visits over the past few years, we are once again intending to take a party of year 5 children for a week to Stackpole for Schools in Pembrokeshire, part of the National Trust Estate. The visit is planned from May 3<sup>rd</sup> to May 7<sup>th</sup> 2010.

The aim of this week is to encourage the children to learn about the living countryside through first hand experience and teamwork. Activities will include: a coastal walk, a study of rock pools, orienteering, canoeing, abseiling, a woodland study, beach activities and an excursion to Skomer Island (a local bird sanctuary). These are all extension activities related to the children's work in school.

The courses at the field centre will all be led by fully qualified and experienced instructors with school staff providing extra supervision. The centre is accredited by the Welsh Tourist Board and is licensed by the Adventure Activities Licensing Authority. It is hoped that the week will be great fun - when children enjoy the countryside they will want to look after it. They will also aim to achieve "The John Muir" award for conservation.

The children taking part in this visit will be required to participate fully in all planned activities prior to, during and after the visit. These will involve attending workshop sessions and an evening meeting for parents and children prior to the visit and a short event after the visit.

The estimated cost of this activity is around £240, which includes transport, accommodation, full catering, expert tuition and leadership in the academic and outdoor activities.

If you would like your child to take part please complete and return the attached form by Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November, 2009. The children whose applications are successful will be notified on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December and a **non-refundable deposit** of £80 will then be required in January 2010. *Please do not send any money yet.*

Yours sincerely

A Gorman  
Head of Year 5

To Parkside Middle School

I would like my child to take part in the visit to Stackpole for Schools, May 3rd - May 7th 2010.

I have talked about the visit with my son/daughter and we understand the commitment involved.

I understand that the deposit will be non-refundable.

Signed..... Parent of.....

Class .....