

## Churchside Federation

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6<sup>th</sup> September 2017

## Dear Parent/Carer,

I have been leading a residential trip to Cumbria since summer 2001. For all but one of the trips we have stayed at Y.M.C.A. National Centre at Lakeside, Cumbria, camping by Lake Windermere. Take a look at <a href="http://www.lakesideymca.co.uk">http://www.lakesideymca.co.uk</a> for more information and photographs. The centre is acknowledged as being one of the very best of its kind in Europe with highly-skilled staff.

I have booked a five-day visit for our Year 6 pupils from both Mundford and Gooderstone for the week Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June until Friday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2018. The children and staff will stay in a tented village and participate in a wide variety of outdoor activities. I include a copy of the activity programme for 2017, as I have requested a similar programme for 2018. The total cost of the trip will be £310. The following is included; expert tuition from fully trained and highly qualified outdoor instructors, specialist equipment such as waterproofs, walking boots, harnesses and helmets. In terms of equipment, just sleeping bags, pillows and torches are excluded and need to be brought by the children. Full board is also included: three substantial meals a day, as well as hot chocolate and biscuits at bedtime. The cost also includes a contribution towards the transport costs – we will be travelling by coach – however, our schools will subsidise a large proportion of the transport costs. A nonrefundable deposit of £60 per person is required by Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> September, 2017. Payment of the remaining £250 can, if you wish, be spread throughout the year. The final balance is required by Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> March 2018. Please note; if the school receives Pupil Premium Funding for your child on account of low family income, we will meet the cost of this trip.

This always proves to be a very successful trip. Due to the nature of the challenges the children have to work effectively as a group; developing tolerance as well as encouraging and supporting one another. Poor behaviour will not be acceptable at any time as it could impact upon the safety of others. If anyone consistently displays unacceptable behaviour at school during the preceding terms, they will not be permitted to participate in this activity week, staying at school instead, as safety cannot be compromised.

Some parents, with older children, who have already attended or have friends whose children have been to Lakeside in the past, may not require further information, but I know that others will naturally want a little more information before committing to this trip. I propose to hold a meeting in Gooderstone Church of England Primary Academy's hall on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September at 9:05 am. Parents of pupils from both schools are welcome. I will hold a further meeting at Mundford Church of England Primary Academy when the details of our trip have been confirmed in the summer term. If you are unable to make the meeting but have a question, please feel free to give me a call.

I very much hope that you will want your son or daughter to take part in the trip and would be grateful if you could complete and return the slip below, NO LATER THAN Thursday,  $28^{th}$  September.

Yours sincerely,



Executive Headteacher

## To be returned by Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> September, 2017

- \* My child will not take part in the Lakeside trip in June 2018 and will attend school as usual during this week.
- \* My child will take part in the Lakeside trip in June 2018 and I enclose the deposit of £60.
- \* My child will take part in the Lakeside trip in June 2018 and as the school receives Pupil Premium Funding for my child I understand they will meet the cost.

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