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VERY EXCITING OPPORTUNITY...

Y3 One Night Residential Visit: YHA Butharlyp Howe, Grasmere Thursday 10th – Friday 11th May 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is with much pleasure that we are writing to inform you of a two day visit we have planned for our Year 3s as a “launch” for our summer term project which focusses on the John Muir Award.

The John Muir Award (in brief!)

The John Muir Award (an educational initiative of the John Muir Trust) aims to encourage people of all backgrounds to connect with, enjoy and care for wild places. To achieve a John Muir Award each individual participant engages in a range of activities that encompass the following Four Challenges:

- **Discover** a wild place – this can range from school grounds to mountain tops
- **Explore** it - in an active way
- **Conserve** a wild place – take personal responsibility
- **Share** your experiences

Much of our art, geography, English and science planning aims to support these Four Challenges in the summer term.

Brief Itinerary of the Visit

We will be dropped by coach in Ambleside on the morning of Thursday 10th May (the coach will continue with overnight bags to the Youth Hostel at Butharlyp Howe in Grasmere). From there we will enjoy a day walk over Loughrigg Fell to Grasmere to explore the open fell environment. We will enjoy dinner and a night's stay at the youth hostel, followed by breakfast the following morning. On the Friday morning, we will use the woodland in and around the youth hostel to explore and learn about our woodland environments in The Lake District. After a picnic lunch, we will be collected by coach from the youth hostel and aim to return to Ghyllside, fresh-aired up and happy for 3.00pm ready for a lovely rest over the weekend before our day visit to Coniston Water Park (also part of the Discover/Explore challenges) on Monday 14th May.

Cost

The estimated cost of the two day Grasmere residential is £35. A payment scheme will be set up for those who would like to use it.

The estimated cost of the Coniston Water Park day is £16. This visit is very kindly and heavily subsidised by The Eric Wright Trust.

Information Evening: Tuesday 23rd January 5.00 – 5.30pm

There will be a short meeting during which we can give you more information about the visit and answer any questions you may have. This visit is obviously going to be a whole load of fun and will enhance our summer term learning enormously and we'd love to get every child in on the opportunity so please do make every effort to come along and find out some more!

Many thanks,

Michelle Crowley

