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Dear Parents and Carers,

17<sup>th</sup> April 2018

## Y3 Grasmere Residential: BALANCE REMINDER

Just a reminder that the balance of £15.00 needs to be paid by **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> April**; we need to make a fairly large payment to the hostel on Monday morning (23<sup>rd</sup> April).

### Kit

I have attached another copy of the kit list for you if that is useful. There is no need to for children to bring their decent clothes as they are very likely to end up wet and muddy! However I cannot stress enough that it is essential that they have waterproofs (that will withstand 4-5 hours of Lake District rain –worst case scenario!), a thermal top and walking boots that are well worn in. I have been really touched by the number of kind parents who have offered to loan kit to other children so...I have a plan! If you have spare: waterproof jackets, trousers, thermals or boots and you are happy to loan them to another child, I am going to organise a “kit swap” for half an hour straight after school at 3.30pm in my classroom on **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> April**. We can easily make a list of who has borrowed what to make for easy returns. Similarly, if you are short of some essential kit or have two jackets but need some trousers, come along and hopefully we can sort everybody out. If you are thinking of buying new boots for your child, please ensure they wear them loads in the next few weeks with the socks they are planning on doing the hill walk in. Apologies if this sounds overly fussy but being warm and dry with comfortable feet is a real deal maker or breaker situation getting youngsters out into the hills!

With this in mind, I am going to carry out an “official” kit check on **Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> May** so that I can be 100% sure that every child has those essential items. On that day, please can you send your child to school with their small hill walking rucksack with the following items in it:

- Hat and gloves
- Waterproof jacket with a hood
- Waterproof trousers
- Thermal top/layer
- Walking boots

Hopefully, you will understand that I want to avoid a situation where a child turns up on the Thursday morning ready for a walk over Loughrigg without waterproof trousers or boots and I then have to disappoint that child by not allowing them to come.

### Adults accompanying the visit:

I can now confirm that the adults staying for the whole visit are: Sarah Hansen, Ali Prince, Alistair Howell, Sharon Britt and myself. The adults leading the hill walk are: Stuart Britt, Sam Anderson’s dad, myself and my husband, Matt, whom most of you will know as the head at Staveley School (we’ve borrowed him for a day!).



## **Fancy a walk?**

The children will be walking in groups of 9/10 with two "school" adults who are highly skilled and capable in the hills. When I organised the Derwentwater visit for many years, I always invited any parents who fancied a nice walk on the fell to come along and join a group. It wouldn't be with your own child's group (school policy) but I know from experience that many parents have done this and had a thoroughly lovey day out. If you fancy a walk with us and the obligatory cake/ice cream afterwards, please just let me know and I'll assign you to a group.

I will send one more letter prior to the visit which will give you all of the final arrangements and information you need.

Many thanks for your ongoing support, providing our children with exciting learning opportunities.

**Michelle Crowley**

### **Y3 One Night Residential Visit: YHA Butharlp Howe, Grasmere** **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> – Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2018**

#### **IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOU TO KEEP:**

<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> April.</b>	<b>£15.00 balance to be paid</b>
<b>Friday 27<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Kit swap in my classroom 3.30 - 4.00</b>
<b>Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> May</b>	<b>Official kit check!</b>



## KIT LIST GRASMERE 2018

A large part of each day will be spent out on the fells or in the forest. Due to the changeable weather in the Lakes you are likely to become cold, hot, wet and/or sunburned all in the same day. Here is a list of things you are advised to bring for three days in the outdoors. **REMEMBER: As we said at the meeting, don't rush out and buy new things unless you want to; pre-loved borrows and swaps are best.** Items in bold are absolutely essential to keep you safe, well and happy in the outdoors:

- Wellies or old trainers for wearing in the hostel grounds/playing out in the evenings
- Slippers
- **Walking boots (well worn in) or very sturdy walking shoes with rugged grip suitable for hill walking on wet grass and rock**
- **Waterproof coat**
- **Waterproof trousers**
- **Hat + spare**
- **Gloves + spare**
- **Thermal base layer (moisture wicking ) if possible – failing this football shirts make good thermal base layers!**
- Three jumpers/fleeces
- Three t shirts (long or short sleeve dependent on weather forecast)
- Two pairs trousers (joggers/tracksuit bottoms) suitable for hill walking/forest (jeans not suitable for outdoor activities)
- Set of clothes for evening if desired
- Three pairs of thick socks
- Three pairs ordinary socks
- 4 changes of underwear
- Sleepwear, toiletries and towel
- Large black bin liner with name label (to take home gift of wet/muddy clothes)
- Plasters, tissues, toiletries, torch, sun hat, sun cream (yes really!)
- Prescribed medicines to be labelled and handed to staff prior to departure
- Refillable plastic drinks bottle
- Rucksack (day sack variety suitable for hill walking)
- £5.00 maximum (in a named purse/wallet) to purchase cake/ice cream in a café in Grasmere after our hill walk. This is optional!

