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1st October 2019

Year 3 Stay at School "Dark Night"
Friday 22nd Nov, 6pm – Saturday 23rd Nov, 9am

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we mentioned at our welcome meeting, we are planning an exciting overnight stay for all of the children in Year 3 to come and take part in, "Dark Night". This will be on Friday 22nd November 2019.

This is an opportunity to immerse our children in our Big Question for the half-term, 'Where Does the Dark Hide?' in a way that will thrill the children and offer them an opportunity to learn from first-hand experiences. To do this, we will be sharing a range of activities that will let them explore light and dark such as 'glow-stick games', night trails and, of course, a camp fire with toast and hot chocolate before bedtime!

In addition, this is a great opportunity for the children to practise staying away from home for a night prior to being able to participate in other residential trips as they move through the school.

The children will all sleep in the school hall or Oak Class, with adults sleeping separately, just outside each of the internal hall doors. The adults will take turns to be awake in the rooms where children are sleeping, should any of the children wake in the night.

Children will need to bring:

- Sleep mat
- Sleeping bag or duvet
- Pillow
- Torch
- Toothbrush and toothpaste
- Water bottle
- Night clothes
- Teddy (just one)



Please make sure all items are named to avoid confusion when packing up.



On the night, the children will return to school at 6pm - activities will begin at 6.30pm. Children will need to have eaten their dinner before returning at 6pm as we will only be providing light snacks and hot chocolate.

Pick up time on Saturday morning is 9am, from the KS1 playground. We will be providing a breakfast of cereals, bread and butter.

We kindly ask that, if your child takes regular medication, that they have this prior to arriving. Children who require inhalers, should have these with them. Please also ensure your child's class teacher is aware of any allergies and/or any other individual needs.

Please speak to your child's class teacher about any concerns or questions that you may have well in advance of the event.

In order to cover the cost of snacks and breakfast we are asking for a voluntary contribution of £2.00 per child.

Although the contribution is voluntary, it should be pointed out that the visit / event could not take place unless all parents, who are able, are willing to contribute.

We appreciate that some families might find it particularly difficult to contribute all or part of the suggested sum. If you are in this position and have need of financial assistance, please apply in confidence to Mrs Maxted (School Business Manager) in the office. It should also be stressed that if a family were unable to contribute, and the event were still to proceed, no child within the year group would be disadvantaged and be left out of the activity.

You will be aware from the media, letters from school and the West Sussex 'WorthLess?' campaign that schools are facing a funding crisis. Due to the increased pressure on our school budget, we have to manage our limited finances more carefully than ever before. As a result, voluntary contributions are greatly relied on and your support is very much appreciated.

This will be a fantastic opportunity for the children, and we are sure that they will all gain a great deal from the experience.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Burrows, Mrs Hawkins, Mr Burnett and Ms Gerring
Year 3 Class Teachers

Name of child _____

I do / do not give permission for my child to take part in the "Dark Night" on Friday 22nd November 2019.

I enclose a voluntary contribution of £2.00

My child has the following allergies _____

Name of adult collecting child _____

Contact telephone number in case of emergency _____

Signed _____ Date _____