



26th September 2019

Dear Parents & Carers,

RE: Year 4 Residential Trip

We have organised for our Year 4 children to take part in a residential trip to Ford Castle, a Medieval castle in the Northumberland countryside, which operates as a unique educational and activity centre. The centre holds the quality badge from the Council for Learning Outside the Classroom, recognising it as a provider of excellent educational holidays.

The trip will take place from Wednesday 1st April to Friday 3rd April 2020.

Children will follow a programme of exciting adventurous activities, whilst also having the chance to explore the castle and its grounds.

Ford Castle is part of the historical Ford and Etal estates, and is set in acres of private grounds. While at the Castle, children will have the freedom to explore the entire castle with the security of staying in a private, gated property.

Accommodation is inside the 4th Century Castle! There are modernised, comfortable dorms that accommodate 8 – 12 children with adjacent bathrooms. Teachers' rooms are near to your child's dorm for security and ease of supervision.

The castle staff are highly trained and lead the groups during activities and evening entertainment. Every day, food is prepared by a dedicated kitchen team: three healthy meals designed to appeal to children and to keep them going all day, including their 'five a day' and a dessert.

You can find further information and photographs at www.ford-castle.co.uk.

The total cost of the trip is £160. This includes full board, accommodation, equipment, instruction, and a hoody. The Friends of Swansfield Park have kindly covered the cost of transport. Payments can be spread over the next few months as follows:

- Deposit of £40 due by 11th October 2019
- £35 due by 29th November 2019
- £25 due by 20th December 2019
- £25 due by 31st January 2020
- £35 due by 28th February 2020

If you would like your child to participate in this trip please sign and return the attached form together with an initial deposit of £40 before Friday 11th October.

Yours faithfully

Jenny Smith
Head Teacher

Headteacher: Mrs J E Smith BSc PGCE

