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Dear Parent/Carer

Year 6 School Camp: Monday 21 May to Friday 25 May, 2018

I am writing to give you some information about this year's Camp that builds on the experience they will have had by attending the three-day residential visit to Kilve Court last November.

For the past 11 years, Year 6 has attended the Acorn Village Outward Bound Activity Centre in Llangorse which is set in the beautiful Brecon Beacons. Owing to the professionalism of the staff there and the attention given to safety, we have once again booked to visit this Centre in the summer term.

During the week, the children will experience a range of activities that will help them develop their team and leadership skills, their personal organisation and independence and also give them the opportunity to challenge themselves. All activities will be closely supervised by qualified instructors with paramount importance being attached to the safety needs of the pupils. Activities include archery, assault courses, raft building, kayaking, abseiling, paddle boarding, shooting and fencing as well as team building activities and walks. The Year 6 Camp provides an unforgettable experience for children where they are able to learn a lot about themselves and which is an important part of growing up as they prepare to make the transition to secondary school.

Children sleep under canvas with 3-4 pupils sharing a tent which has a base and real beds. The tents are arranged in a semi-circle around a central marquee where meals are taken. The food is good and wholesome and there is plenty so that energy levels are maintained.

The cost of the week is £320. This covers all activities and instruction, accommodation, food, transport and insurance. The following payment schedule will be set up on ParentPay:-

Non-refundable Deposit	£120 to be paid by Thursday 30 November
Payment 1	£100 to be paid by Tuesday 30 January
Payment 2	£100 to be paid by Wednesday 28 March

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May I remind you that whilst the cost of school trips remains voluntary, we do rely on parents being able to make the contribution in order for trips to be viable and take place. Please return the reply slip by **Thursday 30 November** and pay the deposit of £120 on your ParentPay account by the same date. Should you experience any difficulties with the cost of the School camp, please do not hesitate to come and see me, in confidence, as soon as possible

There will be a meeting for parents and pupils nearer the time to give additional information about the week's schedule, equipment needed and dietary and medical needs.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak with either myself or Mr Groves.

Yours sincerely

Caroline Hostein
Head teacher