27th February 2017

Dear Parents

In July the year 5 and 6 children will be given the opportunity to attend a residential course at Nant Bwlch yr Haearn Outdoor Education Centre. The dates booked are from Monday 10th July to Wednesday 12th July 2017.

Nant Bwlch yr Haearn Outdoor Education Centre is located in wooded countryside, in a beautiful mountain setting in the Gwydir Forest, near Betws y Coed. It is an environmentally friendly and fully equipped centre. You can find more information on their website [www.nwoes.co.uk](http://www.nwoes.co.uk). The centre is fully booked well in advance and I was delighted when we were offered a cancellation slot. The Nant Bwlch yr Haearn Outdoor Education Centre staff are fully qualified instructors and they will supervise the children for all activities and the centre is validated by Wrexham Local Authority. The activities offered will be weather dependent but will include canoeing, gorge scrambling, a rope course, a climbing wall, orienteering, bushcraft and problem solving.

I am sure you are aware of the value of a visit of this kind. Children will develop as healthy, confident individuals, as ambitious and capable learners, as a team player and they will have chances to develop their sense of responsibility to themselves, others and the environment. They will also gain a great deal of satisfaction while enjoying themselves and having fun.

The cost of the accommodation, meals and activities is £172 per pupil plus approximately £16 for transport. I have applied for a grant to subsidise the cost and am awaiting a response which if successful will reduce it to £155 per child. These costs are dependent on the number of children going but if not enough children go the visit will have to be cancelled. Parents in receipt of income support, income based job seekers allowance or child tax credit (income below £16105 and not in receipt of working tax credit) are entitled to financial support for the visit and should see me for the relevant forms. We would encourage parents to spread the cost of the visit and Mrs Kennedy will provide payment cards if you wish to take up this offer. There are 15 school weeks before the visit and the payments can be tailored to fit your circumstances.

The cost, if we obtain the grant, can be spread like this:

 £155 - £20 deposit = £135 ÷ 15 weeks = £9.00 per week.

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We will be holding a parent’s meeting nearer the visit to provide further information and answer questions but if you have any individual concerns or queries please come into school to see me. I will update you on news of the grant as soon as I hear anything.

If you would like your child to attend please return the slip below before Friday 10th March with a deposit of £20.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Louise Whitgreave