

Thursday 26th September 2024

Dear Parents and carers,

We are excited to share details about an exciting trip which has been planned for our year 4 children. To support geography learning this term on rivers, we have arranged a trip to the River Mersey. Each class will go on one day starting with class 13 on Monday 14th October, class 14 on Tuesday 15th October, class 15 on Wednesday 16th October and class 16 on Thursday 17th October. The cost of the trip is £27.50. Children will need to wear warm clothing, bring a change of clothes in case it is raining so they can change into dry clothes, a packed lunch in a disposable bag (no nuts or fizzy drinks please) and a waterproof coat. Children will depart and return within the normal school day so collection and drop off arrangements will be as normal.

Children will take part in a range of activities led by a qualified leader with activities including a water quality survey, identifying and classifying invertebrates and using a map to identify and find points in a river. The morning is divided into a river survey walk and river sampling and in the afternoon, to study further points along the river where erosion and flood protection features are obvious, the children will be able to travel in canoes along the river. They will use rafted canoes – this is two canoes strapped together by a wooden beam to make a catamaran that is extremely stable, cannot turn over and is easier to paddle by the group. 6 to 8 people can fit in one raft, and this reduces the number of craft on the river to be managed. The river is mainly grade 1 and the trip leaders are well qualified and very experienced. There will also be members of school staff on the river.

I have attached photographs of this as it is a new trip so parents can visualise a little easier what the activities would look like but as always, if you have any questions or concerns, class teachers or myself will be more than happy to help.



Please complete the reply slip below if you wish your child to attend and return to school by Wednesday 9th October 2024.

If your child suffers from Asthma, please make sure that they have their inhalers with them or any other medication they might be taking on the day or they will not be able to go on this visit. Our 'Administered Medication Form' is available from outside the office and will have to be filled in for any medicines being taken.

We kindly remind you that as this trip is classed as an optional extra; school will require full payment for this.

Yours sincerely,

Nichola Stewart
Deputy Headteacher

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Permission slip for the river studies trip for year 4

I give permission for my child _____ in class _____ to attend the trip. I understand that full payment and the permission slip need to be received by school by Wednesday 9th October 2024.

Signed _____ (parent/carer) Date _____

