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Year 4 Residential Ilam Hall

Dear Parent / Carer,

The school is proposing to organise a Field study/Adventure visit for all children in Year 4. The activity will be for 2 days, with an overnight stay and will take place on Monday 26 March to Tuesday 27 March 2012.

Where

The venue will be Ilam Hall Youth Hostel, near Ashbourne, Derbyshire. The beautiful accommodation is a Victorian Gothic National Trust mansion, surrounded by parkland close to Dovedale.

Benefits

- Opportunities to experience challenges and activities that go beyond the classroom.
- Learning new skills and trying of new activities.
- Improve ability to work as a team
- Supporting practical elements of the National Curriculum
- Building self confidence
- Developing and strengthening friendships

Accommodation and Food

Accommodation will be in 2-8 bedded rooms. Staff accommodation will be alongside. Duvets, pillows and bed linen are provided. Locally sourced food will be provided at the Youth Hostel.

The trip will be made up of 3 activities: 2 on the Monday and 1 before departure on the Tuesday. Some of the activities that children will have the opportunity to take part in will include:-

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| • Orienteering | • Treasure Hunt | • Rocket launching |
| • Problem solving activities | • Eco-Warrior Award | • Team challenges |

Cost

The cost of the trip will be £50.00 per child. This will cover travel, activities, insurance, food and accommodation. There will be no other cost except for a small amount of pocket money.

Under the Education Reform Act the school may charge for board and accommodation, but the other costs of the trip must be met by voluntary contributions.

Contributions may be made in instalments and cheques should be made payable to Michael Drayton Junior School. **In order to secure a place, an initial deposit of £15 should be paid by Friday 2nd December 2011.** We currently have funding available to assist with payment for those children who are currently in receipt of free school meals. If your child is eligible for free school meals, but you have not applied, please call into the school office.

Health and Safety

The trip will be scrupulously risk assessed to comply with the stringent legislation and the standards set by the YHA and Warwickshire County Council.

Code of Conduct

For reasons of health and safety high standards of behaviour will be expected at all times.

A meeting for all parents interested will be held on **Thursday 17th November 2011**, to give more details of the activities and answer any questions. This will be in the school hall at **6.00p.m.**

This will be the school's second visit to Ilam Hall and we are confident that it will provide a memorable experience for your child. If you would like your child to take part in this exciting venture please return the slip below.

Yours sincerely,

The Year 4 Team

I request that my child _____ Class _____

should attend the visit to Ilam Hall Youth Hostel, near Ashbourne,
Derbyshire.

I have read the information in the letter and agree to the code of
conduct.

Signed: _____ Parent / Carer

Date: _____