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Dear Parents/Carers

## **Outdoor Discovery Week Week Commencing: 4<sup>th</sup> November, 2019**

This is a note to remind you that we will be having our outdoor learning sessions in Year 1 from **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November – Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November**. The format will be exactly the same as the Early Years Outdoor weeks however, please find details below as a reminder. The cost is **£ 12.00** for four days.

The outdoor discovery week will be held at the same venue as before: Mollivers Activity Centre in Bromham. Each day the children and teaching staff will be taken by coach to the centre at 9.15am and returned to school by coach at approximately 2:45pm. School day hours will not change and your children should be brought in and collected as normal and will need to be in appropriate outdoor clothing every day. Please provide a spare set of clothes to put into your child's backpack in case they are required.

The Year 1 team will accompany and supervise the children for the week. We are looking for **additional support from parents/carers** for this week. If we do not have enough adults for the visit, it may not be able to go ahead. We will inform volunteers of the weekly schedule and we will have a workshop to inform you of expectations and an overview of the week prior to the trip. Although being on the trip, you are not guaranteed to be with your child on a continuous basis.

Your child will require a packed lunch (including a non-fizzy drink please) for each day of this week which can be provided from home or by school under the universal free school meals. If you wish to order lunch for your child, you will need to inform the school office separately. Please also remember that we are a nut free school.

Please send your child into school each day with appropriate clothing. The outdoor days are non-school uniform but we ask that suitable clothing is provided for the weather including wellies, waterproofs and warm clothing if required. Sensible footwear is paramount.

The Mollivers Activity Centre is run and maintained by the UK Girlguiding Association and is a secure site which offers spectacular facilities for your child to learn through engagement with the outdoors and nature. There is a large hall, kitchen, toilets, medical room and several acres of beautiful woodland for us to use exclusively. Detailed risk assessments have been undertaken and are freely available to you, should you wish to view them. Also, you can view the site at:

<http://www.bedsguiding.org.uk/index.php/residentials/mollivers-activity-centre>

Children will have their usual fruit break and lunch will be held inside the main hall where there are hand-washing and toileting facilities. Due to the nature of the activities and timings for this week, children will not read with their teacher in school. Please ensure that you continue to read with your child at home as usual.

Please visit **parent pay to give your consent and make the payment by Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October**. Should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact one of the Year 1 Team.

Yours faithfully,

Miss Thompson, Miss Holland and the Year 1 team.