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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had lots of exciting events this half term including trips, visits and extra curricula opportunities. The children and staff have all continued to work really hard.

Residential Trips



Year 4 had a really fantastic time on their residential trip. I was really proud to hear how many compliments they had received regarding their behaviour. These opportunities are only possible due to the dedication and commitment of the staff who accompany the children.

Y4 Recounts

"Over the three days, May 6th to May 8th, Year 4 had the amazing opportunity to attend a residential trip at Hudnall Park Outdoor Centre. During the trip we showed great resilience surviving three days without our parents. We were extremely busy each day and became increasingly responsible, mature and



independent. Thankfully, our trip leaders Mr Dwyer, Ms MacDonald and Mrs Robey were incredibly supportive. This trip helped us learn new skills and gain new knowledge. One thing I particularly enjoyed was the team building activities on the last day. We had to show that we could cooperate, listen well and encourage each other throughout the tasks set (it was easier said than done). The staff at Hudnall park looked after us amazingly well: feeding us plenty of appetizing food, making sure our dormitories were clean and comfortable and also taking us out on the incredible excursion to the river where we began our learning about water courses. The centre also provided a fantastic orienteering trail where we punched our cards at each station marked on a map. Overall, this trip was wonderful, enjoyable and educational and I would recommend it to everyone."

By Maya S Year 4

"On our final day we checked our mammal traps after breakfast. Unfortunately, nobody caught anything, so we were feeling disappointed (we were hoping to catch a mouse, mole or shrew.) However, to lighten up our mood, we were going to the obstacle course. Our team was Dahl and the other teams were: Seuss, Rowling and Wilson. To start off with was orienteering. Our team came second and Wilson came first. Next was team building. The activities were: Vortex, Plank Skis, Acid River and Laser. In Vortex you had to choose a path with all your team mates and see if it was right. Next was Plank Skis. You were given two planks to get to another cone with. Most teams used them as actual skis. But



we put plank after plank stepping onto another. The next activity was Acid River and the last was called laser. The whole trip was the best time ever!"

By Nicholas L Y4

Nepal

On Monday 18th May the children raised £284 to support the Red Cross' efforts dealing with the aftermath of the Nepalese earthquake. Many thanks for your generosity. The non-uniform day came about through Y5 and Mrs Omelia who are currently learning about tectonic plates. I would also like to mention the girls in Y6 who held a cake sale for this worthy cause.



Peer mediation



"Peer mediation is when we help children sort out a disagreement. When a child is having a difference of opinion with someone else we ask them if they would like to go to Peer Mediation. If they agree, they come with us to a wigwam.

The first thing we do is explain the rules. Then one person tells us about what happened, and what the problem is. Then the other child tells us their side of the story. We don't take sides. We repeat what they have said to see if they can come up with any of their own solutions for their problems. When they have come up with a solution that they both agree on, they are friends again.

So do you like the idea of peer mediation?"

By Kai T Year 6

Attendance

As part of our ongoing drive to raise attendance we will be taking all the children who obtain an attendance figure of 97% or above on a free trip to reward them. We will be taking the children to Watersmeet Theatre to watch a film, the children are currently voting to select the film. This trip will be Monday 13th July. Pupils eligible to attend will receive a letter with further details after half term.



Musical Arts Afternoon

On Wednesday 15th July at 1.15pm we will be showcasing all the wonderful musical talent at Chorleywood Primary School. This is a wonderful celebration of our musical success over the year. If your child learns a musical instrument out of school, is working at a



“public performance” level and would like to perform please let the school know. **IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT YOU INFORM THE OFFICE OF YOUR ATTENDANCE AT THIS EVENT SO WE CAN ARRANGE THE CORRECT NUMBER OF SEATS. TICKETS WILL BE ALLOCATED IN ADVANCE FOR THIS EVENT.**

Staffing for next Year

I will inform parents of these arrangements when they have been finalised. This is not possible until deadlines for teachers and

teaching assistants to hand in their notice have

passed. I can confirm that Mr Rasheed will be

leaving us in July. Whilst I am very sad to see

him go I wish him well for the future. He is

leaving to work in a larger school with additional responsibilities.



Have a lovely half term, fingers crossed for a sunny one!

Kind regards,

Mrs Roberts
Headteacher