

C.E. PRIMARY ACADEMY (HANDSWORTH)

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Dear Parents/Carers,

It seems that we have been lucky with the weather this week and the snow has kept away from our area. We are still in the midst of winter so please do keep up to date with the weather forecasts. In the event of a heavy snow fall we will consider all possible options to keep the school open. We do need to ensure that our large site is safe for our pupils. If we do have to close school we will notify you by text, so please ensure your mobile numbers are up to date in the school office. We will also keep our website up to date and local radio stations will be informed.

Year 5 and 6 had a fantastic time away last week at Woodlands. They all challenged themselves to try something new and they survived the cold weather. It takes a lot of time and effort to organise a residential so I would like to thank Mr Burke for pulling together this residential. I would also like to tank Miss O'Grady, Mrs Bennett and Mrs Rea for giving up their time to provide the children with this wonderful opportunity. Two pupils who attended the residential have written a report for this newsletter about their time away.

Please make sure you have returned your Parents Consultation slips back to school by Monday 4th February to ensure you get a time slot that you want.

Mrs. P. Burns

Headteacher

Woodlands

It all started on Monday 21st January. We arrived at school between 11:30 and 12 in the after school area. When everyone arrived, we waved goodbye to our parents. After some time, Mr Burke let us go to relax and play around for a bit.

Then we all gathered up to go back to our meeting place to register. We took our suitcases and bags to the coach. Then the coach driver helped us put our suitcases and bags in the boot. We settled down in the coach and set of for Woodlands.

When we arrived, we got our suitcases and went to the dorms. Then we chose our beds and made them. We went to the big Hall. After, we got into different groups, and met our instructors for the week. Then we did our first activities. We did a superb zip wire from the top of the climbing tower (it was at least 40 foot high!) and an orienteering course around the site. Then at last it was time for dinner.

The pizza and chips were YUM! Next we had free time, like watching movies etc. After sometime, we settled down into our beds. It was hard to sleep because some of us felt homesick. The next morning, Mr Burke woke the girls up with cymbals while he was singing a song to get us up as well! After we got changed and brushed our teeth, we headed down to the hall to have breakfast later on.

Later on, one group had archery and canoeing, the other group did bushcraft and circus skills. We got back for lunch, and it was delicious! Then the groups swapped over. After we did high ropes course which was almost 40 foot high and rock climbing. We got back for dinner. Later on that night we had a campfire. We brushed our teeth and settled down for bed.

Our last day was good as well. We played Frisbee golf and went to the shop. We met Greg's dog Cassie who was really friendly. Sadly, the coached arrived to take us back to school. I think a few of us were really looking forward to seeing our families too.

Woodlands was a fantastic experience and we would recommend this trip to anyone at Holy Trinity. We learnt to look after ourselves more independently, organise ourselves more, work as a team member much more and we all realised we can do more than we think we can.

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Dates for your diary

Monday 11th February - all day pupil/parent consultation

Tuesday 12th February - 3.45-6.00pm pupil/parent consultation

Thursday 14th February - 9.05am Year 5 Class Assembly

Friday 15th February - 12.30pm Parent Coffee Time

Friday 15th February - Children break up for half-term

Monday 25th February - Children return to school

Tuesday 26th February - Year 3 swimming

Tuesday 5th March - 5.00pm Reception and KS1 Bedtime Stories

Wednesday 6th March - 5.00pm KS2 Bedtime Stories

Thursday 7th March - World Book Day

Friday 8th March - 12.30pm Parent Coffee Time



Dates for the year

Monday 18th February - Friday 22nd February - Half Term

Monday 25th February - Children return to school

Friday 12th April - Children break up for Easter

Monday 15th April - Friday 26th April - Easter holiday

Monday 29th April - Children return to school

Friday 24th May - Teacher Day

Monday 27th May - Friday 31st May - Half Term

Monday 3rd June - Children return to school

Friday 19th July - Children break up for Summer

Please note that children do not need to attend school on Teacher Days. These days are for staff training.