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Dear Year 4 Parents/Carers,

CAMP ATWOOD

We are pleased to confirm that Camp Atwood will be going ahead for all Year 4 children this year. It will take place on Friday 1st July and Saturday 2nd July. Please read on for more detailed information on timings.

Camp Atwood is an opportunity for your child to camp at school for one night and take part in lots of activities involving crafts, sports, a campfire and a BBQ. This is an all-day and overnight event and all activities will link with our geography and history topic, 'Adventurers and Explorers' and will therefore be pirate themed!

On Friday 1st July, the children can come to school wearing either a pirate costume or their own clothes- no face make-up or swords please. Whichever they choose, they need to be able to run around in the clothes and be comfortable- trainers are particularly advisable. If your child would like to, they can change out of their pirate costumes and into their regular clothes in the late afternoon.

As part of the activities on offer, we would like you to start collecting recyclables and plastics, including shoe boxes. Other useful items would be: plastic bottles (smaller, approximately 500ml size), egg cartons, in-tact boxes (about the size of a shoe box), bottle lids, yogurt pots and plastic boxes (ice-cream cartons/ takeaway boxes). Please bring these into school at your leisure- we will store them in the 4S cupboard!

We are really looking forward to making this event memorable for the children. Please ensure you have looked through the checklist of actions we need all parents/ carers to take in order to help school staff run the day as smoothly as possible. We would also like to invite you to attend an information session after school on Tuesday 21st June at 3:15pm. This will be held in the Year 4 classrooms. If you are unable to attend, all information shared at the meeting will be posted on Google Classrooms as well as being emailed out.

Camp Atwood is a free event this year. The children have missed out on so much over the past two years and we want all children to be involved.

Thank you,
The Year 4 Team

Head Teacher: Mr R Veale

Programme of events

Friday 1st July	
8:30	Drop off larger kit bag, sleeping bag, tents, medication and side dishes to the library. Bring a smaller/school bag upstairs to the classroom as usual. Drop off lunch boxes as usual. Say, "goodbye" and your child should go up to their classroom as normal. Parents should go home as normal (unless volunteering to put up tents).
8:30-9:00	Registration in the classroom with Miss Skelley and Miss Turner.
9:00-9:45	Introduction- day's outline, behavioural and safety talk (in separate classrooms)
9:45-10:00	Mid-morning snack in the classroom/ Moving into tent groups
10:00-11:00	Making tent team flags in the classroom. Any child who is not staying over will still be able to take part.
11:00-11:30	Going down to the tents and organising belongings.
11:30-12:15	Free-flow/choice activities: 'Message in a bottle', making eye patches, making pirate hats, making treasure boxes, football, necklace making, making pirate ships and digging for buried treasure activity.
12:20-1:10	Lunch- as normal (packed lunch or school dinners)- children who are eating packed lunch will be reminded to bring their lunch box up to the classroom once they have finished eating.
1:15-1:30	Registration in the classroom with Miss Skelley and Miss Turner. Children will then bring their smaller school bags down from the classroom and put these into their tents.
1:30-3:50	Free-flow/choice activities: 'Message in a bottle', making eye patches, making pirate hats, making treasure boxes, football, necklace making, making pirate ships and digging for buried treasure activity.
3:50-4:00	Mid-afternoon snack time
4:00-4:55	Capture the flag: 4T vs 4S
4:55-5:30	Treasure hunt in tent teams.
5:30-6:00	Unstructured time in tents- colouring in, reading, playing cards etc. A spare tent will be available for all children not staying the night to spend some time in. This is time to 'cool down'- no running or sports will be allowed. A 'BBQ bell' which will be rung at 6pm, will signal time for food!
6:00-7:00	BBQ time on the field.

7:00-8:00	Sports activities- football, tennis, rounders/ Activities in tents- colouring in, reading, playing cards.
8:00-8:45	Campfire with Mr. Veale- glow sticks, songs, s'mores and hot chocolate. This will be in Forest School.
8:45-9:15	Getting ready for bed. Children who are not staying the night will go home at 9pm.
9:15	Into tents: Chat and Sleep!
Saturday 2nd July	
7:00-8:00	Children get up and pack away.
8:00am	Parents pick up their children from the school field.

Checklist of actions for parents/carers:

- Fill out 'Side-dishes' form (if bringing in a side-dish for the BBQ)
- Start collecting recyclables: plastic bottles, egg cartons, in-tact boxes (particularly shoe boxes), bottle lids, yoghurt pots and plastic boxes (ice-cream cartons/ takeaway boxes). Bring these into school as you collect them.
- Read through the programme of events with your child- this is particularly important for parents/carers, as it gives details as to where to drop off items and your child!
- Read through the kit list with your child.
- Read through 'Commonly Asked Questions'.
- Attend the information meeting (or read emails/ log on to Google Classroom) on Tuesday 21st June at 3:15pm for all finalised information.

Kit List

We ask that your child brings in 2 bags with the following:

- Smaller, school bag (ALL items need to be named, including the bag. Ideally a name tag.)
- X1 water bottle (filled)- ideally no plastic bottles please. The children will be able to refill this throughout the day and evening.
- X2 snacks (one for mid-morning and one for late-afternoon before dinner- if your child is going home at 3:15 then they will not need an afternoon snack)
- Lunch box (if having packed lunch at school)
- Waterproof coat and/or jumper. Unless they come to school wearing them!
- X1 bag for life/recyclable bag. Please name this bag in advance in case it gets lost during the day. (To keep any crafts made during the day.)

Larger kit bag (ALL items need to be named, including the bag. Ideally a name tag.)

- X1 sleeping bag
- X1 pillow (optional)
- X1 blanket (optional)
- X1 teddy/soft toy (optional)
- X1 waterproof wash bag- toothbrush and toothpaste (no mouthwash please)
- X1 small hand towel (+1 cloth/flannel if you wish)
- X1 set of PJs
- X1 pair of spare shoes (trainers please)
- X1 spare jumper (only if the weather is due to be cold)
- X1 change of clothes for the morning (x2 if wearing a pirate costume as your child can change out of their costume at around 5:30pm)
- X1 bottle of suncream (in a bag in case it leaks) if it is hot and sunny.
- X1 hat/cap (particularly if the weather is sunny)
- At least one pair of spare socks, try and pack socks of variable thickness (particularly if the weather is up and down)
- Tent activity- reading book, card game (e.g. Top Trumps), colouring pad or pens, crocheting kits (in a small bag please!) etc.
- X1 torch/ head torch with spare batteries (optional)
- X1 picnic blanket (if you have one)

NO ELECTRONIC DEVICES INCLUDING SMART WATCHES, GAMES, TOYS AND PHONES. Any child found with these items will have them confiscated.

Commonly Asked Questions

Below we have tried to forward think some questions you may have. Please take time to read them through. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to email the school office who will then forward your question onto the relevant members of school staff.

Which members of staff will be involved in Camp Atwood?

The following members of staff will be involved: Miss Skelley, Miss Turner, Mrs Brown, Mrs Burr, Mrs Fairfowl, Miss Gilby, Mrs Gambier and Mr Veale. Mrs Brown's daughter, Emma, will also be involved too.

Where should I look/ Who should I ask for the most up to date information about Camp Atwood?

Please refer to the 'Camp Atwood' section under 'Classwork' on Google Classroom for the most up to date information. We will also be ensuring we email about updates as and when they arise. Also, please take note of the 'Parent/Carer checklist' - this will ensure that you complete everything necessary so that your child is able to take part in the event.

My child is not staying over, what do they need to bring?

They should bring a change of clothes, their water bottle and two snacks (one for the morning and one for the afternoon). They will need a jumper and a waterproof coat/mac (weather dependent). They may also like to bring in a small activity to play in the spare tent such as a card game, colouring or reading book.

My child has chosen not to stay over; what if they change their mind on the day?

Due to tent groupings (friendship groups, challenges and general dynamics) being organised in advance, unfortunately any child who changes their mind about staying overnight will not be able to do so.

What happens if my child gets upset and wants to come home in the evening or through the night?

Of course we will only contact you if absolutely necessary, especially overnight! Please keep the phone of the contact number you have given us on the 'Camp Atwood' form nearby. We will not make your child do anything they are uncomfortable about. That being said, we will encourage any child who becomes upset to stay and make them as happy and as comfortable as possible!

What happens if my child wakes up in the middle of the night?

At least two members of staff will be awake at time slots throughout the night in case your child wakes up e.g. gets scared, upset or needs to go to the toilet. All the tents will be arranged in eye contact of the members of staff. No child will walk to the toilet themselves in the night.

My child is afraid of the dark, what could I say to reassure them?

Please provide your child with a torch and spare batteries. Also, they will be given glow sticks to activate later on in the evening to take to bed with them. Therefore, please reassure them that they can keep both of these things whilst they go to sleep. Also, please reassure them that a member of staff will be outside if things get a little too much for them and to remember that this is all part of the experience of staying away from home, for some children for the first time.

I have filled out the 'BBQ preferences' on Google Classroom? What is the purpose of this?

This form is purely a guide for us to gauge what the children like to eat. We will order more than we need but are trying to avoid waste as much as possible.

Atwood is a 'Green School'. Are you using eco-friendly products?

Yes. All of the details, right down to the knives and forks we are going to use, have been thought through thoroughly. We have identified easy options, such as using the school cutlery, plates and cups, which cut down cost as well as being better for the environment. We have thought about alternatives we can use in our craft activities, such as swapping glitter for multi-coloured confetti.

Where do I pick my child up from on Saturday 2nd July?

Please arrive at the school by 8:00am at the Junior Hall. Exactly where the children used to go home in Year 3! There will be a member of staff to greet you at the door. Once all parents have arrived, you will then be taken to your children who will be waiting for you along with their kit (hopefully!)

What happens if my child leaves something behind?

Any 'lost property' will be taken to the classrooms and your child will be able to collect them on Monday 4th July.

I am volunteering to put up tents, where should I be and at what time?

Please arrive at the school office at 8:25am and 'sign in'. There is no need for your child to sign in. You should both then walk around to the library, via the inside corridor. Your child should drop off their kit, medications and side-dish to the library and make their way to class. You should then stay in the library with the school staff. We have assigned all parents a job which is specified on your child's Google Classroom page under the 'Camp Atwood' tab. Thank you in advance!

I am volunteering to help out at the BBQ, where should I be and at what time?

We have assigned all parents a job which is specified on your child's Google Classroom page under the 'Camp Atwood' tab. This also has details of the times we need you to arrive at school. Thank you in advance!

I am volunteering to help take down the tents on Saturday, where should I be and at what time?

Please arrive at school by 7:00am at the Junior Hall. There will be a member of staff waiting to greet you. Once all volunteers have arrived, a member of staff will then take you over to the tents. We will inform you of the numbered tents we would like your help taking down.

I am volunteering, when will a member of staff get in contact with me as to whether my help is needed?

First of all, we are grateful for all of your generous support. This information is now available on Google Classroom.

What are the main timings that I need to take note of?

Unless you are volunteering at certain points over the two days, the main timings to take note of is 8:30am which is the normal drop off time, on Friday 1st July, and 8:00am pick on Saturday 2nd July.

What are the arrangements for using the toilet during the normal school day?

The children will have access to the junior toilets throughout the day until 3:15pm. After that, they will have full access to the Infant toilets so will be able to use the toilet as and when they need it.

What are the arrangements for using the toilet in the evening and overnight?

Your child will use the Infant toilets to brush their teeth. These will be washed down thoroughly before the children use them. We will supply cups and bottled water for them to rinse their mouths and wash their toothbrushes. We will also supply soap. They will also use these toilets, if needed, in the night and will be accompanied by a member of staff so that they are not walking alone in the dark.

What happens if it is raining?

We will be monitoring the weather closely in the lead up to the event. Ideally, we'll remain outside as much as possible. However, we can retreat to the junior hall if absolutely necessary.

However, there is a 'back-up' date on the 8th and 9th July. If the event has to be postponed on the 1st and 2nd, we will inform you by Wednesday 29th June by 3pm. Please note, that the event will only be cancelled on the 1st and 2nd, if the rain is torrential! If this does happen, the event will go ahead on the 8th and 9th regardless and we will re-plan everything to take place in the Infant and Junior halls.

How will it be decided as to which children sleep where?

The children will each be asked to write down the names of three people they would like to share a tent with. Your child can choose the name of any child in Year 4; it doesn't have to be someone in their class if they don't want it to be. We will then begin the task of matching children to specific tents. We will take the following factors into account when choosing tent groupings: the children's choice, staff knowledge of dynamics between certain individuals and specific needs of individual children.

When will my child find out who they are sharing a tent with? What happens if my child is not happy about who they are sharing a tent with?

We all strive to ensure every child is with at least one person on their list- the likelihood they won't will be very small. We will let all the children know on the day of the event. We will be having conversations in class beforehand about tolerance and keeping an open-mind.

In case of emergency and/or late arrival on the Saturday morning, is there a number I can contact a member of school staff on?

Yes. A member of staff will have a phone. The number will be provided at the information meeting on Tuesday 21st June. This will also be emailed out to all parents and be available in the Camp Atwood tab on Google Classroom. Members of staff will only leave the school site on the Saturday morning once all children have been safely collected.