

Wednesday 10th July 2024

Pendarren-15th-19th July 2024- Final Arrangements

Dear parents and Carers,

We are fortunate enough to be leaving for our exciting activity week in the beautiful Brecon Beacons next Monday! Hopefully, we will have good weather! This letter is to inform you of some last-minute details and to answer any questions you may still have.

The journey out and back

The coach will be leaving South Haringay by **7:45am** on Monday morning. Please **be at the playground gates at 7:30am** to register your child and say goodbye. We are due to arrive at Pendarren House by approximately 12:30pm, where we will be provided with lunch. Therefore, a bottle of water and a small, light snack will be plenty for the journey. **Ensure that the snack does not include nuts or sesame seeds.**

If your child suffers from travel sickness and you are providing them with travel sickness tablets, please make sure that they have taken their tablet before they arrive at school.

On the Friday, we leave Pendarren House at 12:30pm and aim to be back at school by 6pm. On the journey, we will keep in constant contact with the school in order to provide a more precise arrival time. You will be updated via our text messaging system.

Medicine

Any prescribed medicine that your child needs **must be clearly labelled** with your child's name and handed in to their group leader upon arrival on Monday morning. We will issue medication as per your instructions.

Likewise, if you are providing your child with a travel sickness tablet for the return journey, ensure that is clearly labelled and handed to the group leader.

Spending Money

Luckily, we have been able to book a storyteller, called Daniel Morden, to entertain the children one evening. He is incredible and will inspire the children to want to read his books! With this in mind, children are allowed to bring up to £15 which can be used to purchase a signed copy of one of Daniel's books, or to buy a souvenir from the tuck shop. Please ensure that your child's spending money is placed into a purse, or envelope which is clearly labelled with your child's name. We will collect any money in on Monday morning and make sure that it is kept in a safe place.

Electronic items and valuables

To avoid loss or damage, no mobile phones, handheld games, digital cameras, or any other valuable device, are to be brought on the trip. Similarly, any jewellery should be left at home. Pendarren provide each group leader with a camera and we shall ensure that we take plenty of photographs of the children throughout the experience. All photographs will be saved on a CD which will be given to each child at the end of the trip.

Luggage

Pendarren provide us with wellington boots, waterproof jackets and trousers. Do not forget to pack a few pairs of thick socks to wear with the boots. Additionally, please ensure that you provide your child with a clearly labelled, re-fillable drinking bottle that can be taken along with them on activities. I have attached a copy of the kit list to this letter.

As some of the activities will involve the likelihood of getting wet, please pack some bin liners, or sturdy carrier bags for dirty, or wet clothes.

We will be in regular contact with the school and you will receive daily text messages, via our online system, to keep you updated as to how the children are getting on. I'm sure that you will agree that this will be a fabulous experience for the children- one we hope they will treasure!

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,

Kelli
Assistant Head

Pendarren House- Kit List

1. Bed linen: single duvet cover, single sheet and one pillow case (duvet and pillow are provided.; if necessary Pendarren can provide this bed linen but there will be a small charge for laundering).
2. Water bottle- this is essential-must be clearly labelled!
3. Warm tops, sweatshirts or jumpers x 3 (fleece is ideal)
4. Shirts or T-shirts x 4 (some with long sleeves- essential for some activities)
5. Trousers x 3 for activities (jogging bottoms or leggings, not jeans)
6. Jeans x 1 pair (for evenings)
7. Underwear (some activities will mean the children get wet- pack at least 8 pieces)
8. Trainers x 1 pair (old ones, for activities/ evenings)
9. Trainers/ flipflops x 1 pair (for inside wear)
10. Large towel x 2
11. Swimming costume
12. Warm hat and gloves (essential in winter, mittens are warmer than fingered gloves, scarf is optional)
13. Nightwear / pyjamas
14. Wash kit - towel, soap, toothbrush and toothpaste, shampoo
15. Socks- thin socks/ x 3 pairs thick socks
16. Sunscreen and peaked sunhats- ensure sunscreen is clearly labelled

At least one set of casual clothes is required for evenings in the Centre. Old clothes are most suitable for Pendarren activities.

Note that Pendarren is equipped to provide waterproof jacket, trousers, walking boots, wellington boots, wetsuits and other specialist protective clothing as well as rucksacks.