



Working Together in Partnership



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Dear Parents / Carers,

As you are already aware, we have planned an overnight stay at school for the Year 4 children of Bentley and Copdock. This is an opportunity to prepare the children for the residential during Year 5/6 and support them to further develop their self-confidence and independence. Staying away from home can be quite daunting, especially for the first time, so we want to ensure it is exciting too. The 'sleep-over' has been very successful and thoroughly enjoyed by all, even the teachers!

We have planned a similar event to be held this year on Friday 28th June. This time we will be staying in Copdock School hall. The intention is to have some fun and games outdoors and in the woodland area, followed by picnic tea (possibly evening fire and songs) and a film night in the hall. Children may bring a small selection of sweets if they wish. As we also have a water fight, children are welcome to bring along water-guns to take part in this activity. **It is essential they have a towel and change of clothes / shoes. Please can they also have a separate bag to put their wet clothes in to so they do not make their other clothes damp.**

Miss Cross, Mrs Jordan and Mrs North will be co-ordinating the event, and we will arrange for Bentley children to be transported to Copdock straight after school on Friday. Mrs Austin will also be joining activities and one of our school Governors, will also be supporting the event. The children will all sleep in the school hall and will be supervised by adults managing the visit.

The children will need to bring the following items into school on Friday morning as the excitement will begin straight away at the end of the school day.

- Change of clothes for woodland activities (and water fight), **spare pair of shoes**
- **Empty plastic bag for wet / dirty clothes**
- bring water guns if you have them
- Toiletries – toothbrush, toothpaste, towel
- Pyjamas / sleep wear
- Sleeping bag/quilt and pillow
- Teddy bear for cuddling at night!
- Change of clothes for Saturday morning

Please ensure your child's clothes are labelled if possible.

There will be no cost for this event as school will be subsidising food and resources. The children will be provided with sausages / burgers on rolls. We will also have a range of other items for the children to eat i.e. crisps, cake, biscuits, fruit, yoghurt and salad.

The children will need to be collected for 9.30a.m. **prompt** on Saturday morning. We will provide cereal and toast for breakfast before they leave.



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To ensure everything runs smoothly we need you to complete the form here.

<https://forms.office.com/e/yNxK1NLZUN>

This will allow you to add emergency contact details for the evening, food choices, any allergies or food intolerances. We will only contact you in the case of emergency or if your child needs to be collected because of their behaviour. However, we do not anticipate either of these events.

If you have any further questions please see your child's class teacher, who will be happy to help.

Many thanks

Joanne Austin