

23rd September 2015

East Barnby

Year 6 residential visit
23rd – 27th March 2015

Dear Parents,

We have booked the East Barnby Outdoor Education Centre for our Y6 children as indicated above. We have used this centre for the past 14 years and have always had a superb week. East Barnby is a North Yorkshire Local Authority centre. Many of the staff are qualified teachers and are also highly qualified in their particular area of outdoor expertise.

Our aims in taking the children to East Barnby are several-fold:

1. To build on the experiences most of our children have previously had at the Bewerley Park centre.
2. To further develop their self-reliance, confidence, self-esteem and personal organisational skills.
3. To engage the children in field studies to support our geography curriculum.
4. To engage the children in low-level adventurous activities.
5. To foster a love of, and respect for, the natural world.

We achieve the above by immersing the children in the life of an outdoor centre where they have to take responsibility for organising and tidying shared areas, helping with meal times and working co-operatively to achieve common goals. In addition to the basic needs of living together, the children will take part in a number of challenging activities which may include:

- Gorge walking
- Canoeing
- Orienteering
- Rock climbing
- River study
- Sailing
- Bushcraft

Having taken part in a number of these visits over the years, I can vouch for their worth and success. When reflecting on their time at Western, the majority of our Y6 children cite their time at East Barnby as their most memorable experience at primary school. In responding to the challenges of the week, most children discover talents and qualities they never knew they possessed; new friendships are often forged and, for many, the visit can be a life changing experience.

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Inevitably this all comes at a price and I am writing to you at this early stage in order to give you information about costs and the opportunity to spread payments over the next six months.

East Barnby will charge £258.50 per child. This covers food, accommodation, equipment hire and instruction. The total cost, including coach travel comes to £276.25 per child. Please note that this is a voluntary contribution. However, the trip could not go ahead if a significant number of parents were not able to contribute.

Please note also, that parents of children eligible for free school meals are entitled to a full discount on the cost charged by East Barnby. Be aware also that we don't want any child to miss out on this trip due to financial constraints. If you are likely to experience difficulty paying for this visit and your child doesn't qualify for free school meals, please contact either myself or Mrs Smith.

In the meantime, in order to secure a place for your child on this trip, I need you to send a deposit of £20.00 to school by Friday 24th October

The remaining balance of £256.25 may be paid in one full payment or in instalments over the intervening months. To help keep the sums simple, it would be appreciated if the majority of instalments could be paid in multiples of ten. We would encourage parents to make payments and consent online by visiting www.parentpay.com. If you choose to pay by cash or cheque, (payable to Western Primary School) please ensure that all payments are in a sealed envelope bearing your child's name and the words *East Barnby Payment*.

I will contact you again in the near future to provide more information about this visit but please feel free to contact me in the meantime if you require any further information.

Many thanks,

Tim Broad
Deputy Head