

27th January 2012

Dear Parents/Guardians

Every year we run an Activities Week for pupils in Years 5 and 6 at the YMCA National Centre; this is situated on the shores of Windermere in the Lake District. It is a centre that Sibford School has used for a number of years. Activities Week this year is **Monday 28th May to Friday 1st June 2012.**

It is hoped that all Years 5 and 6 pupils will be able to take part as it is related to the geography, PHSE and PE curriculum. Activities will include caving, canoeing, raft building, climbing and abseiling, fell walking and environmental education. All centre staff are fully qualified to national standards for their chosen activity and Sibford School staff will supervise the trip and activities.

Travel is by coach and accommodation is in tents. The cost of the trip will depend on the number of children participating but will be in the region of £400 if 39 people participate. The cost includes the hire of waterproof top and bottom and boots but obviously children may use their own if they have them.

Many people are concerned about safety on school based activity courses. We have been totally satisfied with the safety standards at this centre on our previous visits and I have details of the centre's policy in this area if anyone would like further information. School also reserves the right to remove someone from the list of Activities Week participants if **their behaviour** deems them to be a safety liability to themselves and other members of the group.

If you would like your son/daughter to go on this trip please return the slip below with a non returnable deposit of £50 by Friday 3rd February; the balance for the trip will be added to the end of term bill at the end of the Summer Term. However, arrangements can be made for you to pay monthly if this is more convenient. If you would like any further details please see Patsy Howes.

The trip will be accompanied by Patsy Howes, Trudy Koochitt, Edward Rossiter and Sarah Lolley. An information evening will be held after half term.

Yours faithfully

Patsy Howes

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Please return to Patsy Howes, Sibford Junior School, Sibford Ferris, Banbury, Oxon. OX15 5QL
by **Friday 3rd February 2012**

I would like my son/daughter to go on the Year 5 and 6 Activities Week 2012. I enclose a non- returnable deposit of £50 (cheques payable to Sibford School)

Pupil's Name: (printed)

Signed: Parent/Guardian Date: