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Dear Parents and Carers,

Derbyshire Field Study Trip 16th - 20th September 2019

Following the success of running this trip in the Autumn term last year, we are delighted to offer this visit at the start of Year 6 again this year. The field trip to Derbyshire has become a regular annual event for our school and is, for many, a long remembered part of their school experience.

Going away together at the start of the school year provides a wonderful opportunity for both the children and the adults to get to know each other and to help the children to settle into such an important year in their primary education. Going away early on in the term allows us to maximise the children's learning when back in school. We can focus our Autumn term's learning around the topic of Derbyshire and all that we have experienced.

The trip will be based at Hartington Youth Hostel, which is near Buxton. During the trip we are planning:

- a visit to Chatsworth House, gardens, farm and adventure play area
- a visit to Poole' Cavern to study the natural limestone cave and find out how stalactites and stalagmites are formed
- a day visiting the village of Eyam
- a day walking through Dovedale, investigating the landscape
- a stop at the visitor centre, Sherwood Forest

The total cost for this residential trip will be approximately £250. (The exact amount will be confirmed later when the number of children going and visit costs are known.) This figure is composed of the cost of board and lodging, for which the school is permitted to charge, and the cost of transport and all the activities, for which we require a voluntary contribution.

We do appreciate that some families may not feel able to afford the full cost of this trip. If this is the case, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Theobald as subsidies are available in certain circumstances. All enquiries will be in confidence of course.

To reserve a place please log in to Wisepay to pay a £35 deposit by 31st January. (Please note that this deposit is refundable only in exceptional circumstances.) Further payments will be required in instalments and details are on Wisepay.

We very much hope that all next year's Year 6 children can participate in this excellent trip. However, it is very important that everyone understands the need for good behaviour at all times, not just for safety reasons but also so that all the children and adults taking part can enjoy the week. For this reason, we do reserve the right not to take any child who, in the time leading up to the trip, is not behaving well in school, even if parents have paid to secure a place. (If this does happen, please be aware that it will not be possible to refund any payments.)

We are aiming to hold a meeting in June where we will give you a more detailed itinerary and kit list. We will also use our Year 5 to Year 6 transition dates to prepare the children for the trip.

Mrs B Theobald
Headteacher