



# St Patrick's Catholic Primary School, Dipton

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*We follow in Christ's footsteps*

10<sup>th</sup> November, 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

## **Y6 RESIDENTIAL VISIT TO DUKESHOUSE WOOD ADVENTURE CENTRE, HEXHAM 20<sup>th</sup>–22<sup>nd</sup> MAY, 2024**

A three-day, two-night residential visit, for Year Six pupils, has been arranged to Dukeshouse Wood Adventure Centre for **Monday 20<sup>th</sup>-Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May**. It is anticipated that children will leave school after lunch on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> and return at the end of the day on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup>. The centre offers a variety of exciting outdoor and adventurous activities that promote team-building skills as well as offering opportunities for children to have fun and make memories before leaving St. Patrick's. The cost of this visit will be **£222** and will include all meals, transport, accommodation and activities. It will be possible to pay this amount in instalments using Arbor. Full payment will be required by **17<sup>th</sup> May** and a **£20** deposit to secure your child's place (also payable via Arbor) will be required by **1<sup>st</sup> December**.

To sign up on Arbor please visit your Y6 child's profile and look under activities. The Dukehouse Wood trip will be listed, and you can confirm your child's place and make the initial deposit payment. Please contact the school office if you need any help with your Arbor account.

As a school we are fully aware that there continues to be a cost-of-living crisis and we understand the financial difficulties parents are facing. We will continue to fundraise at various points across the year for other local, national and global needs as we have always done. However, last year it was decided that as a St. Patrick's school community, keen to support all of our children, we would focus our fundraising efforts particularly towards helping our own Y6 families. In school, we hosted a range of events to fundraise in order to assist parents in paying for the Y6 residential. Out of school, Y6 parents ran a fantastic quiz night at Oxhill Community Centre, working collaboratively with school to plan and facilitate the event. At the end of our fundraising events, we collected the money together, divided it between the pupils and were delighted to be able to reduce the costing by **£50** per pupil. This year we hope to do the same.

Our first fundraiser for this in school will be our 'Christmas Drive-In'. We would encourage parents to consider a fundraiser out of school, such as the quiz last year, or something similar to aid with this. We know that by working together, although we are unlikely to be able to cover the entire cost of the trip, we can hopefully help towards the overall cost.

If anyone would like to discuss any difficulties in paying for this visit, please telephone school to speak confidentially regarding this matter.

Kind Regards,  
Mrs Gardner

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