



Vernham Dean Gillum's Church of England Primary School

## Countryside Day Newsletter

Wednesday 22nd March 2017

### Purpose of the Day

Learning does not take place solely within the classroom. Often outdoor learning provides the most memorable learning experiences. We are extremely fortunate to be surrounded by the most beautiful countryside, so we wish to take advantage of this and invest a school day exploring and discovering learning outdoors. Our Countryside day is Wednesday 22nd March 2017. Please note that there will be no cost to parents for this day.

The aim of the day is:

- For our children to experience different learning opportunities
- For children to explore our Learning Values (Independence, Collaboration & Perseverance) beyond the normal school day
- To experience our Christian Values of Love, Hope and Courage in different ways

### What will my Child be Doing?

- Becoming nature detectives
- Creating stories from nature
- Learning to campfire cook
- Using nature for art
- Participating in a spirituality workshop
- Learning about campfire survival

### Arrangements for the day

- Arrival at Linkenholt for normal school day, bell at 8:55am for 9:00am start
- The 8:30am drop off arrangement for children already signed up will be 8:15am if needed
- Collection at the end of the day is 3:30pm
- No clubs this day

We would encourage lift sharing where possible to cut down on the number of cars using the road and track to the site. Please allow extra time for your journey and drive slowly as there are pot holes on the road and to allow for passing other cars coming in the opposite direction.

### What should my child wear and bring?

Old clothes are a must! - not school uniform.

- Tracksuit/jogging bottoms
- Warm clothing, waterproof jacket and sturdy old trainers
- Wellies in a bag
- Rucksack with spare socks and an extra sweatshirt/top
- Your child can take layers off so please label clothing
- Packed lunch, snack and water bottle. Reminder that we are a nut free school so no nut based products. No glass bottles or fizzy drinks

### Directions

Linkenholt Countryside Adventure, Linkenholt. The grid map reference is **364 587**.

For a map, please use the following link:

[http://www.linkenholt.org/where\\_we\\_are.html](http://www.linkenholt.org/where_we_are.html)

Please note there is no postcode if you are using sat nav.

Please see the map on page 2 for further details or contact the school office.

If you need to contact us on the day there will be a mobile number available at a later date.

### Wanted!

Volunteers to:

- Support group leaders in the planned activities
- Support indoor based board games & reading area and the 'chill zone'
- Make tea/coffee for group leaders & volunteers
- Help put up two school tents at 8:30am

