

Vernham Dean Gillum's Church of England Primary School

Countryside Day, October 18th 2017

Newsletter

Friday, 22 September 2017

Purpose of the Day

As you know, we all value outdoor learning here at Vernham Dean Primary School and we recognise that we are extremely fortunate to be surrounded by the most beautiful countryside. Therefore, we are pleased to announce our second Countryside Day on Wednesday 18th October 2017. Please note there will be no cost to participate 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?

- Learning to campfire cook
- Building emergency shelters
- Creating art in nature
- Exploring symmetry in nature
- Learning about rural crafts
- Singing in the woods

Arrangements for the day

- Arrive 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 sharp
- 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.

Volunteers wanted!

- Support group leaders in the planned activities
- Support indoor based board games & reading area and the 'chill zone'
- Make teas & coffees for group leaders & volunteers

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
- **Plus** wellies in a bag - essential
- Rucksack with spare socks and an extra sweatshirt/top
- Your child can take layers off so please label all 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

If you would like to order a school packed lunch, please let us know by Monday 16th October

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

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 during the day the mobile phone number is 07908 284586

