

January 2010

Dear Parents

Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Training Days

In addition to the Thursday evening training sessions, there will be three expedition training days this term for Bronze participants. Girls are expected to attend **two** out of the three days, one navigation day and one rucksack carrying day. Please indicate on the reply slip if your daughter would be available to attend the third day offered, so that if the demand for places or for hired rucksacks is high on the other two days, we can even out the numbers.

Navigation Training Days

Either Saturday 6th February or Saturday 13th February (this is the first Saturday of half-term).

This will be a navigation exercise in the Beacon Country Park area, Up Holland, near Skelmersdale. We will meet at Carr Lane car park near the top of Mill Lane (see attached map and also consult the website www.westlancsdc.gov.uk/leisure for more detailed directions) at 10:00am and return there at about 3:00pm approximately. Girls coming from the Ormskirk and Southport areas will be expected to find their own transport to and from the meeting point. The school minibus will leave from the front of the school at 9:20am, and there will be a limited number of places for those who live in or south of Crosby. Please indicate on the reply slip if you wish your daughter to travel by minibus. We will return to the back of the school at about 4:00pm. Girls will need a packed lunch, wind and waterproof clothing and strong walking boots.

Rucksack Carrying Days

In addition to the requirements for the previous training day, girls will carry a rucksack containing all the things they would need for a 2-day expedition. Rucksacks and other equipment may be hired from school at 50p per item.

Rucksack carrying days will take place on:

Either Saturday 13th February also in Beacon Country Park area near Skelmersdale. Travel arrangements as above, except that we will leave from the back of the school, not the front.

Or Sunday 14th March on the Wirral. (N.B. This is Mother's Day)

We will leave from the back of school at 9:30am and return about 4:30pm. There is a charge of £1 for this trip to cover transport expenses and this should be brought in on the day of the trip.

Proposed dates for Practice and Assessed expeditions in the Summer term:

Practice Expedition: Friday 23rd – Saturday 24th April.
Friday 30th April – Saturday 1st May

Assessed Expedition: Monday 5th – Tuesday 6th July
(provisional dates) Thursday 8th – Friday 9th July
(last day of term)

If you know that your daughter is not available on the above dates, please inform me as soon as possible.

Please complete the attached reply slip and the enclosed medical form and return both of these to Mrs Southworth by **Thursday 21st January**.

Yours sincerely

Mrs C Southworth
Duke of Edinburgh's Award Leader