



OLD PALACE PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Dear Parents/ Carers,

As you know, earlier in the year we held a parents workshop to provide you information and gauge interest in the year 3 residential trip to Thriftwood Scouts Camp. We feel that this trip is an important experience for the year 3 children to take part in. A key part of the national curriculum is that children have the opportunity to take part in activities that can't otherwise be done on school grounds, things like outdoor, adventurous and team building activities. We strongly believe that taking part in these activities helps to build character and independence, gives the children new and shared experiences and provides opportunities to bring out new talents. It also helps to promote teamwork, skill sharing and builds self-esteem and confidence. On top of all of that, it helps to improve emotional, physical health and wellbeing.

For these reasons, we would like for all children in year 3 to be able to take part in this experience. To be able to do so we have arranged for two trip options.

Option 1: Class Day Trip

On Wednesday 12th July, all children in the year group will go to Thriftwood Scouts camp as their end of year celebration trip. This will be just for the day and during this day the children will get to take part in 4 outdoor adventure activities. These activities include Pedal Cars, Bush craft, Water Rollers and Cresta run.



How the day will work:

We will be leaving school at 9:30am travelling to Brentwood station. We will take the DLR from Bow Church to Stratford, and then take the Elizabeth line from Stratford straight to Brentwood. Then we will walk from Brentwood Station to the Scouts Camp, this walk is approximately 20minutes and the year team staff have done this journey before.

We aim to arrive at Thriftwood by 10:45am. The children will have a short break and a snack before starting their first two activities at 11am.

At 1:00, the children will have a break for lunch. After lunch, they will have two more activities, which will finish at 4:00pm. At this time the children who have not signed up for the overnight residential will prepare to come back to school. They aim to be back at school by **5:30pm**.

On Thursday 13th July, those children who do not sign up for the additional overnight stay will come to school as usual for their normal school lessons.

Cost: £4 per child



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Option 2: Addition of the Overnight Residential Stay



Those children who have signed up for the additional overnight residential stay will remain at Thriftwood on Wednesday 12th July, with some of the school adults. They will take part in two additional activities that evening, the Zipline and a campfire. The children will have dinner around 5:30pm, after which they will go to the campfire for a sing along. They will have some time to relax with hot coco before bed. The children and school adults who remain will be staying in the secure tented village. The children will get to share tents with their friends from the year group.

The next morning the children who have remained for the overnight experience will also get to take part in three more adventure activities, the Outdoor Obstacle Course, the Demolition Derby and the Bouldering Wall. The children will break for lunch at 12:00 and will leave Thriftwood shortly after lunch. The children who remain overnight aim to be back to school in time for 3:30pm dismissal on Thursday 13th July.

Cost: £20 per child



We are excited to be able to provide the opportunity for all children to take part in this experience. If you are interested in adding the addition of the overnight residential experience and have not yet done so, please email admin@oldpalace.towerhamlets.sch.uk by **Thursday 20th April** to let us know. If you have already expressed interest in the Thriftwood residential, we have reserved you a place in the overnight stay group. There are a limited number of spaces for the additional overnight stay and these will be first come first serve.

Kind Regards,
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