

**YEAR 4 VISIT TO
Ufton Court
(Wednesday 22nd – Thursday 23rd February 2017)**

This sheet gives details of your child's residential trip to Ufton Court.

Objectives for the visit.

- 1) To take responsibility for decision making, time keeping and organising equipment
- 2) To develop independence
- 3) To learn about science through hands-on real life experiences
- 4) To explore and use classification keys to help group, identify and name a variety of living things in the wider environment
- 5) To develop confidence through staying away from home

At all times, of course, the children are closely supervised by our own staff as well as Ufton Court staff.

The Loddon staff accompanying the children are:

Miss Routh, Miss Millard, Miss Sowinski, Mrs Tyler, Mrs Townsend and Mrs Iyer

Activities at Ufton Court

The children will be participating in a variety of indoor and outdoor activities whilst staying at Ufton Court.

These include:

Saxon Ground Exploration

Life on the Farm

Saxon Feast

The Raid

Kit

General advice:

- Outdoor activities continue even in poor weather conditions – bring **warm** and waterproof clothing
- All clothing, shoes, luggage and other belongings should have name tags
- Please do not bring more than one holdall per child
- Children must be able to carry all their belongings themselves.

What not to bring!

- Mobile phones
- Expensive cameras (disposable cameras are fine but must be clearly named)
- Electronic games
- Music players (e.g. I.Pods and MP3s etc)
- Expensive or favourite clothing or shoes
- Laptop or hand-held computers

Please note: Ufton Court requests that the children do not take food or sweets into the dormitories. Please ensure that you child does not have any extra food stuff in their luggage.

Sleeping Accommodation

Children will sleep in dormitories of up to 12. There are separate girls and boys toilets/shower rooms either in the dormitories or nearby. One outcome of a residential trip such as this is that we hope children will strengthen existing relationships and forge new ones too. We usually ask the children to select 2 friends who they wish to share a room with. A great deal of time and thought is put into the groupings; not a simple task as you will appreciate, but one which is done with each child's interest in mind.

Medical Needs

We need to collect information of all medical requirements of the children using the EV2 form – separate letter.

On the day of departure, please hand in all relevant medication to a staff member. It must be in a labelled bag, together with any instructions for use. The accompanying staff will hold on to these for the duration of the stay. Any travel sickness tablets should be given before departure, if needed. One for the homeward journey should be given in a named envelope with instructions.

Expectations

It is very important that the children behave safely and sensibly when away on a residential trip. Please discuss this with your child and ensure he/she understands that all instructions given by any adults, must be obeyed. In accordance with Wokingham guidance, we reserve the right to ask parents to collect their children promptly and take them home in extreme circumstances of misbehaviour.

Departure

Parents should bring their children to school in non-uniform at the usual time, going straight to the meeting point which will be the large hall in the Hillside, where there will be school staff waiting. Please note that you will NOT be able to bring your car onto the school site at this time. Children must then report to an adult, handing in all medicines.

Return

We will arrive back to school during the afternoon of Thursday 23rd February. You will be able to collect your child at the usual time of 3:30pm.

Kit List

Please find attached the kit list