

South Avenue Primary School

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Dear Parents, Carers and Guardians

Re: Bewl Water Trip 16 July 2021

My goodness how time flies, our trip to Bewl Water is nearly upon us!

Here are the final details relating to the trip. Children will need to arrive at school on Friday 16 July no later than 7.20am. They need to enter school via gate 5 and go onto the Junior playground and enter their classrooms via the year 5/6 playground doors. Here they will be registered before getting on the coach for a 7.45am departure to Bewl Water.

All children will need a substantial packed lunch as well as lots of drinks in disposable containers (**no** fizzy drinks). They are going to be completing physically challenging activities throughout the day, so a few snacks are also advisable. Children who are entitled to free school meals can have a packed lunch provided by the school.

We do not expect children to wear school uniform. Please see below a list of items the children need to have with them. The day is not about a fashion parade. Children need to wear sensible clothing suitable for water based and land based activities. The clothes may well become filthy and/or wet and we would not want the latest designer outfit to be ruined.

We will be returning to school to then enjoy an evening of fun. Food will be provided in the form of sausage/fish/chicken nuggets and chips. Children will be ready for collection from school at 8pm, hopefully tired, dirty and full of great stories.

Please make sure no electronic games consoles, mobile phones or cameras of any description are in your child's possession on the day. If found they will be confiscated immediately and the child may risk being sent home.

We are delighted to be taking the majority of year 6 on this trip which is amazing. Could we ask you all to speak with your child to advise them that for their safety and that of everyone else, we expect very high standards of behaviour and impeccable manners. Bewl Water is open to the general public and we want the children to be seen at their very best, to be praised for being the wonderful children that we know they are.

Clothes to wear:

They need to be sufficient to keep your child warm and dry even if it pours with rain as they will be outside all day. Footwear that is suitable for being out in the countryside.



Collaboration, Challenge, Community, Courage, Commitment, Creativity



A change of clothing and footwear:

Your child will be completing a water based activity and therefore is likely to get wet and will need to change their clothes. You will need footwear you can wear in the water that will stay on your feet (NOT wellies, crocs or flip flops)

A list to guide you:

1-2 fleeces or sweatshirts
1-2 pairs of trousers
Shorts – if the weather allows (it's July we might get lucky!)
1-2 T-shirts (No crop tops or vests)
Sun Cream
Swimwear and a towel
Hat (to keep the sun off if it is hot or keep your child warm if it's cold)
Waterproofs (including trousers if you have them)
Spare trainers/soft sole shoes – being barefoot is NOT an option (No wellies, crocs or flip flops)
A plastic bag for soggy, wet kit!

The water in the reservoir is always a little chilly and the weather is variable. So when packing your bag for the day remember 'better to take too much, than not enough'. All specialist equipment will be supplied.

Please send you child with their kit in a holdall or rucksack, not a suitacase! They will need to be able to carry the bag themselves. Please make sure that your child's clothes are named and a label attached to their bag with their name and school name on it.

Items for the evening:

Should your child wish they may bring a separate bag with clothes for the evening along with a waterpistol if they have one for the annual year 6 water fight. These will remain at school during the day.

If you have any questions then please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

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Miss T Cadwallader Head of School