CHRIST THE KING CATHOLIC VOLUNTARY ACADEMY

Headteacher: Mrs H. Carrazedo



Monday 6th September

Dear Parents,

We are very excited to share with you our revised programme of residential trips. We have taken the opportunity to make a few changes and to extend what we offer in school, after the last two years in which our residentials had to be cancelled.

A primary school residential trip remains one of the best first experiences children can have of spending time away from their parents and developing confidence, social skills, self-esteem and independence. It is an outdoor learning experience that allows every child to grow physically and mentally. During residentials, we are able to help all pupils excel in a safe, fun and friendly environment through a series of activities aimed to meet learning outcomes and create memories. We truly believe that the life skills offered through residentials are invaluable and will enable the children to thrive as they move through life.

With this in mind, we have decided to begin the residential experience for our children from a younger age. This will allow us to build on skills and experiences year-on-year and to carefully link this provision to support a variety of areas of the curriculum, including mental health and wellbeing and transition.

Our planned residential programme for this year is as follows:

9th – 11th February – Year 5 Residential to Thornbridge on the Monsall Trail

Late May / early June TBC – Year 6 2 night Residential to London

 $23^{rd} - 24^{th}$ June – Year 4 Residential to Underbank Reservoir near Sheffield

 $14^{\rm th}-15^{\rm th}$ July – Year 3 Residential with Summit Rocks on the CTK school field

Our residential programme has been planned alongside Bob Parker, our Outdoor Learning specialist, and he has experience of each of these residentials and what they can offer. Class teachers will contact parents soon with further information about what each trip involves, including activities planned, accommodation and costs. For now, we just wanted to share this with you, in order to give as much notice as possible at the start of the year, as we were only able to book and confirm these trips at the very end of July.

We hope that you and the children are as excited as we are by these new opportunities and we thank you, as ever, for your continued support.

Kind regards,

Mrs Carrazedo and Mrs Watts.



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