



Tuesday 17th September 2019

Dear Parents,

As part of our Erasmus+ projects this year, we have the opportunity to take some children from Year 5 on some of our exchange visits. We have two projects that we are involved in at the moment. One is based around the teaching of reading and traditional tales and authors in each culture of three countries (Hungary, Germany and ourselves). The other, which we are just embarking upon this year, is about developing our outdoor learning provision and for this, we are working with schools in Denmark, Sweden, Poland and Spain.

The first visit involving children is to Poland at the end of November – we will be taking 4 boys on this visit. In March, we will be taking 4 girls to Denmark. Both of these visits require the children to be interested and enthusiastic about learning outdoors. We will also be taking some children to Hungary in March.

This letter is really to make you aware of the opportunities for your children. For these exchanges, as we can only take 4 children each time, we ask parents to return a form stating that their child is interested in taking part and then names are pulled out of a hat.

At the moment, we are only organising the Poland visit. The other two visits, once dates have been finalised, will be organised in due course.

In November, there will be a visit to our partner school in Bialystok, Poland which will take place from Monday 18th November until Friday 22nd November (depending upon flights). Mr McLoughlin, Mr Junemann and Mrs Davis will be accompanying four boys on this visit for the week when they will be visiting the school in Bialystok. During their time in school, they will be presenting information about the Outdoor Learning Provision in our school, observing Outdoor Learning Practice in the Polish school and will be considering how their ideas and practice might influence that in our school. They will also have the opportunity to find out more about the country's culture and do a little sightseeing.

Staff and children will stay in a hotel or apartment which will all be organised in the near future. Children do also have to be willing to be slightly adventurous in their eating habits as obviously we are in the middle of Poland and will be eating and sampling traditional Polish foods! Travel will consist of a flight (probably to Warsaw) and train journey to Bialystok.

Most of the cost of these visits is funded by the British Council. However, we are asking for a contribution of £75 from each child due to additional visits that will take place during our time there. The children must have their own passport for the visit too.

If you would be interested in your son being considered for the visit to Poland, please return the form below to school by Monday 23rd September. If we have more than the required number of children interested in going on the visit, we will pick names out of a hat. If you have any further questions about this trip, please feel free to ask!

Yours sincerely,

Jane Davís

Mrs Jane Davis Head Teacher

Name of Child:

I would like my son to be considered for the visit to Poland in November

He has his own passport and I am willing to contribute £75 towards the cost of this visit.

Signed:

_(Parent/Carer)