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Dear Parents & Carers

RESIDENTIAL TO HERD FARM FOR YEAR 5 IN FEBRUARY 2027

The residential to Herd Farm for Year 5 has been booked for February 2027.

Herd Farm Activity Centre, which is situated near Harewood Estate in Leeds, is set in 16 acres of countryside surrounded by farmland and woods and offers a range of outdoor and adventurous activities which we are confident the children will love. Herd Farm accommodation is not big enough for the whole year group plus staff to go together, so we have booked the centre for a full week. Each Year 5 class will go for 3 days; current 4H class will go from Monday 1st February to Wednesday 3rd February and current 4R will go Wednesday 3rd February to Friday 5th February.

The centre runs specially designed courses for primary schools with safety as the highest priority. The three-day stay involves different activities such as high ropes, mountain biking, bush craft and an assault course all of which are run by Herd Farm staff. School staff will also run some additional activities in between the programmed activities such as orienteering. Activity based residentials are brilliant for building both resilience and confidence as well as developing teamwork skills. The children will be encouraged (but never forced) to overcome fears and challenges so the sense of achievement they often feel is enormous.

Springbank staff are in charge of supervising the children at mealtimes and night times.

How much does the residential to Herd Farm cost?
Herd Farm is funded by Leeds City Council and is a non-profit making organisation; Leeds school receive discount so the cost for 3 days and 2 nights will be £158.00 (for current 4H class) and £153.00 (for current 4R class), which we feel, is great value for money. There is a slight reduction for current 4R class as Herd Farm are unable to provide lunch for us on the Wednesday due to capacity and children will need to bring a packed lunch with them. All other meals will be provided.

There is financial support for families whose children are currently in receipt of free school meals and also for any family whose children have been in receipt of free school meals at any time in the last 6 years. The cost of the residential for these families is £79.00 (4H) and £76.50 (4R), which is a 50% subsidy; money is allocated from Pupil Premium funding to support the additional costs as we want to ensure that no child misses out on such a great opportunity.

If there are any other families who do not meet the criteria above, but may have difficulties with the payment, please contact me. Any information shared would be in the strictest confidence but we may be able to offer additional support.

We are offering different payment plans for the residential.

- You will be able to pay on the ParentPay website and make variable payment amounts at any time convenient to you.

- Alternatively, you can pay in full on ParentPay at any point up to Friday 22nd January 2027.

Please note whichever option you choose it is your responsibility to ensure payments are made. We will only be sending payment reminders nearer to the trip date.

If you have any particular questions or concerns regarding the residential, please email these to info@farsleyspringbank.co.uk

For more information please visit our school website where there is a section on the Herd Farm residential. This shows examples of the activities the children will take part in whilst at Herd Farm and also has a link to their website.
https://farsley-springbank-primary-school.secure-primarysite.net/herd-farm-residential-for-year-5/

We believe that this residential is a super opportunity for the pupils to experience new activities and so hope you are able to support us with this.

Best wishes

S Percival
Headteacher