

Catshill First School and Nursery

Date of Issue: 1st May 2019

Bell Boating Journey

Date of Visit: Wednesday 15th May 2019

Dear Parents/Carers of Year 4 Children

We are pleased to confirm that we are taking part in a Bell Boating Journey, at Vines Park Droitwich, for the children in Year 4. The bell-boat is a twin-hulled, stable craft with up to 12 people in a crew, who are seated and propel the boat with single-bladed paddles. All the crew will be wearing buoyancy aids. The focus is on working as a team. This visit will take place on Wednesday 15th May 2019. Children will need to be in school at **promptly 8.45am** to be registered as we are leaving school at 8.55am. The children will be arriving back to school by 3.25pm.

We are asking parents for a contribution of £3.20 towards the visit, the remainder is being paid for by the school's sports premium budget. Payment must be made via the Payments4Schools website, we are unable to accept cash payment.

Please sign the consent form below, together with a note of your payment reference from Payments4Schools and return it by **Friday 10th May 2018**.

Due to the outdoor activities Children will need to:

1. Wear clothing suitable for the weather. Plenty of layers work well (t-shirt, sweat-top, fleece, joggers or tracksuit) to allow for changes in temperature throughout the day. Jeans are not suitable.
2. Bring (depending on expected weather conditions) waterproofs, a hat and gloves/suntan lotion and a sun-hat.
3. Bring spare clothes and a towel in one bag.
4. Trainers or sturdy shoes should be worn. Children should not wear wellies - they are unsuitable near deeper water.

Please send your child with a packed lunch, snack and a drink. Children who are entitled to free school meals will be provided with a packed lunch. This will contain a sandwich, a cookie and a drink. If you prefer to provide your own packed lunch (no nut containing ingredients or glass bottles please) we ask that you indicate this on the reply slip below.

**The Yr 4 Team
Mrs S Jones
Miss C Moody**

**Catshill First School and Nursery
Year 4 Visit to Bell Boating**

*** I agree / do not agree** that my **child** _____ in class _____ may take part in the Bell Boating Journey on Wednesday 15th May 2019

Parents/Carers signature Date

In case of any emergency, we will use the contact details you have provided to school. Please ensure these are up to date and we have your current mobile number.

☐ I confirm that I have made payment via Payment4Schools. My reference number is

☐ *My child is entitled to free school meals and will require a packed lunch.*

I understand that the County Council accepts no liability other than in respect of enforceable third party claims against members of its staff. The County Council does not insure for personal accident, but the school is taking out a personal accident insurance for the visit.

I agree to medical and dental treatment being given to my son/daughter if required, including the administration of a general anaesthetic and to surgical operations in the case of emergency, in accordance with the recommendations of a qualified medical practitioner.

PARENT/CARER'S SIGNATURE

DATE

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SAFETY AND HYGIENE ADVICE

Paddle-sport on placid water is an enjoyable and safe activity provided buoyancy aids are worn and people are aware of water hygiene. There is now a general awareness of Weil's Disease which is a **rare** illness to which water users may be exposed. The most common symptoms are: a high temperature; influenza-like illness, joint and muscle pains, particularly in the calf muscles.

Anyone falling ill with the symptoms after fishing, sailing, paddle or other water sports, particularly **within the three weeks following** the activity, **MUST** see a doctor and advise him or her of the activity taken part in.

To prevent infection: Cover scratches and cuts with water-proof plasters AND wash or shower after water-based activities, particularly before eating.