



Deanery C.E. Primary School

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January 2020

For the parents of current Year 5 pupils

Dear Parents

Year 6 Residential Week
Quinta Hall, Quinta Christian Centre, Weston Rhyn, Shropshire
Monday 21st – Friday 25th September 2020

In the past it has been practice to take the Year 6 pupils on a residential week at the beginning of their time in Year 6. This has proved very successful and helps them to come together as a team, supporting each other, getting to know their teachers well in a less formal manner and preparing them for the responsibilities they hold as a member of Year 6 at the Deanery.

We again hope to run a residential week (for present Year 5 pupils) in the Autumn Term, and a provisional week has been booked from Monday 21st to Friday 25th September at Quinta Hall, Quinta Christian Centre, Weston Rhyn, near Oswestry, Shropshire.

Quinta Hall is a Victorian country-house which has developed as a residential school. This is a Christian Centre, used by many schools, education groups, churches etc. It is an attractive complex that provides a high standard of accommodation and facilities designed for young people, adults and families and is managed by Christians.

Quinta grounds provide us with a range of activities including scientific and environmental education, which fit well into Year 6 curriculum. There are extensive grounds, woodlands, open grass areas and a lake at our disposal for investigation and orienteering activities. There are classrooms, which can be used, and a range of resources. There is also the opportunity for outdoor activities through experienced instructors from 'Adventure Plus' who will be leading us in activities such as:

- Canoeing
- Archery
- Tree climbing and abseiling
- Team building challenges

On Thursday we aim to visit Chirk Castle, walking part of the way using the aqueduct and tunnel, continuing by coach. We will have the opportunity to look around the castle and enjoy a picnic in the grounds before returning by coach to Quinta late afternoon.

There are varied sports activities with a superb hard surface games yard featuring five-a-side football/two tennis courts/basketball courts. There is ample space for team games in the extensive grounds, which also has a 12-hole putting green, there is also a large 'purpose-built' sports hall for our use; this will be particularly useful if the weather is inclement. Quinta

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Hall is surrounded by 50 acres of lovely countryside which enhances opportunities to draw and paint or just sit chatting to friends and admire the view. The work that the children undertake is planned to provide the stimulus for the Autumn Term curriculum giving first hand experiences in science, geography and PHSE.

Accommodation is in the form of shared bedrooms. There is a main meeting room, which is used to start each day with an assembly and prayers, a lounge for peaceful times and evening story, a large dining room, meeting room and a games room for playing pool and table-top games in the evening (after the work session). All meals are included; three high quality meals a day, plus drinks and snacks, are provided by an employed caterer who will take account of our special needs.

Travel to and from Quinta will be by coach, leaving around 10.00 am on the Monday and returning to school at around 12.00 midday on the Friday. The children will then be collected at this time to enable them to get some much-needed rest and to allow the staff to recover as well as prepare for the next week in school.

On our previous residential weeks, we have always had a thoroughly enjoyable and busy week, with much to learn and share together, in the company of very caring and helpful Christian Centre staff. We do hope that this proposed visit will see a full compliment of children able to participate.

The cost of the week, which includes accommodation, meals, transport and all the activities, is £217. If the cost proves difficult due to your personal circumstances, please make arrangements to see me as soon as possible; arrangements can be made for an appointment via the school office. Payment may be made as a "one-off payment" of £217 or 6 instalments as follows:

Deposit	£40.00	Friday 7 February
2 nd payment	£35.00	Monday 2 March
3 rd payment	£35.00	Wednesday 1 April
4 th payment	£35.00	Friday 1 May
5 th payment	£35.00	Monday 1 June
6 th payment	£37.00	Wednesday 1 July

Please complete the slip below and return to school by Friday 7 February. It is important we have numbers and deposits as soon as possible to secure our reservation. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me immediately and a meeting can be arranged. Further detailed information will be given out at the end of the academic year.

Yours sincerely



Jayne Lockett (Mrs)
Head Teacher

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Child's Name Class.....

I/We wish my/our child to take part in the Year 6 residential visit to Quinta Christian Centre, Shropshire from Monday 21st September – Friday 25th September 2020.

I/We do not wish my/our child to take part in the residential visit to Quinta Christian Centre.

I/We enclose **£40.00** Deposit/**£217** Complete payment – *cheques to be made payable to Deanery CE Primary School.*

I/We have made an on-line payment of **£40/£217**

Signed.....Parent/Guardian.....Date