



Dear Parents/Carers,



Druridge Bay Golden Day!



We are delighted to announce our next Golden Day which will take place on **Thursday 24th March 2016**. We have been able to book a day of varied activities for everyone from Year 1 to Year 6 at **Druridge Bay Country Park in Northumberland**.

We know that outdoor activities are always popular with the children and we have been fortunate enough to secure a booking at Druridge Bay for the whole day as a treat for those who have been trying hard with their behaviour during this half term!

As before there will be **NO CHARGE FOR THIS VISIT**. We will travel by coach to Druridge Bay and the transport costs, equipment hire and the cost of providing qualified coaches/experts for some of the activities **are being provided free for all children who are taking part in 'Golden Day'**.

The activities we have arranged on the day are understandably quite varied in order to best meet the needs of the different age groups – ranging from orienteering, scavenger/treasure hunts, kitemaking and flying (weather permitting!!) and kayaking/open canoeing for the older children. All of the sessions are organised and supervised by Eastlea staff except for the kayaking which will of course be led by qualified coaches from the centre.

We have access to an indoor area which we can use during the day and at lunchtime to eat our packed lunches if required. The coaches will also be on standby to return us to school early in the case of poor weather.

The day will be a non-uniform day for everyone. For parents/carers of pupils in Y5/Y6 it is important that the children wear/bring the correct items especially in terms of the kayaking/open canoeing activity – so please take special note of the details below **and return the attached consent form (Y5/Y6 only)**:

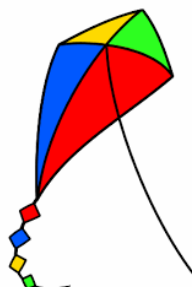
Details of the visit	<u>ALL</u> Children will need	Year 5 and 6 children <u>ONLY</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Date – Thursday 24th March Leave Eastlea – shortly after 9am Activities at Druridge Bay – 10am – 2.30pm Arrive back at Eastlea - 3.15pm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To come to school dressed in clothing suitable for a day outside including appropriate footwear and a warm coat/gloves (no school uniform is required on the day and NO JEWELLERY PLEASE) A packed lunch including a drink 	<p>All PUPILS will be provided with short sleeved wetsuits, cags (spray proof jackets), buoyancy aids and helmets by the Coquet Shorebase Trust. The sit-on-top kayaks have no issues with capsizing and open canoes are suitable for those less confident.</p> <p>The pupils will need to bring a change of clothes including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Swimwear and a fleece to wear under the wetsuit An extra pair of old trainers to change into (which they do not mind getting wet) A towel to dry off when they get changed afterwards
<p><i>N.B. Parents of Nursery/Reception children will receive a separate letter outlining the plans for Early Years children who have a different set of activities at Eastlea planned for their Golden Day!</i></p>		

As with the previous 'Golden Days', attendance is dependent on each child following the Eastlea rules in school and at lunchtimes. We are hoping to include all children; however, for those who are struggling to follow the rules, we will contact parents to discuss how we will support your child to get them 'back on track' in terms of behaviour.

Yours sincerely

E Beeston

Miss E Beeston
Head Teacher



Eastlea Primary – March Golden Day 2016 – Kayaking/Canoeing (Year 5 and Year 6)



Name of child:.....

Year:.....

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I give permission for my child to take part in the kayaking/canoeing activity on Thursday 24th March

* My child **is** / **is not** confident in the water [* *please delete as appropriate to enable us to plan groups more effectively*]

Signed:.....