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Dear Parents and Carers,

Active Thorncombe Week 2021 Parental Information and Consent Pack

As we have mentioned in recent newsletters, we have organised a programme of activities throughout the week of 28th June for both key stages. Please see a timetable below for details of activities planned for each day. Attached are separate consent forms for each activity, which you will need to sign and return in order for your child to participate.

Active Thorncombe Week Timetable	
Mon 28th June	Y5 and 6 Sail & Climb Weymouth YR-Y4 Sadorow Thorncombe Discovery
Tues 29th June	Whole school Dorset Council Action Van Mix It Up Sports
Weds 30th June	Orchard Play in a Day Pippin Abbotsbury Subtropical Gardens
Thurs 1st July	Orchard Magdalen Dawn to Dusk
Fri 2nd July	Whole School Sports Day and Pizza Oven

We have rigorously risk-assessed each activity in order that it can be carried out safely in conjunction with all our external providers, including COVID-19 procedures. We are delighted to have arranged such a varied programme of activities, which we hope to enthuse and engage every child. We do recognise that many of us have not been able to go out and about for many months, so some apprehension and anxiety is very understandable. However, we hope that parents will support and encourage children to join in and “have a go” – this week is all about having fun and creating those “wow” moments that the last year has been short on!

We are able to provide this programme at no cost to parents using funding including our PE Premium: the PFA are also kindly funding the Orchard Class theatre day.

Children are not required to wear school uniform for the duration of the week: please ensure they wear comfortable clothing and footwear suitable for the weather and the activities they will be undertaking. Please also ensure that you have informed us of any changes to your child’s medical and allergies record.

If you have any questions about any of the activities or wish to discuss any of the arrangements, please do contact the office in the first instance and we will be happy to discuss them.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Smith,



Monday 28th June - Y5 and 6 Sail & Climb Weymouth

We are delighted to announce that the Year 5 and 6 children have been invited to take part in 'Sail for a Fiver' at the Weymouth Outdoor Education Centre on Monday 28th June.

School staff will accompany the children on the trip. We will be travelling by coach which will leave **promptly at 8.00am** and therefore children will need to arrive at school by **7.45am**. On arrival in Weymouth, the children will be briefed, issued with sailing kit and the instructors will show the children the location of the changing rooms, toilets, lockers and drying rooms. The morning session will run from 9.30am until 12.00 and the afternoon session from 1.00pm-4.30. We are aiming to be back at school by 5.45pm, depending on traffic.

Watersports equipment such as wetsuits, buoyancy aids, helmets and spray tops will be provided by the Centre, but all children will need to bring:

- swimwear (for under your wetsuit)
- A pair of shoes to wear on the water such as old trainers or wetsuit boots – NOT Crocs, flip flops or sandals
- a towel for drying off afterwards as we will get wet
- a spare change of clothes
- a packed lunch (which can be ordered from Local Food Links), snacks and water bottle
- sun cream and sun hat
- Any medication required e.g. asthma inhalers

The centre will assume all children are beginners. If your child has had experience of sailing, please do let us know what they have done and the centre can factor this in to the group sailing session. The trip is an amazing opportunity for the children which we hope that they will enjoy taking part in.

Please complete and sign the consent slip below as well as the separate parental consent form required by the WOEC (attached).

Child's name..... will/will not (*please delete*) be attending 'Sail for a Fiver' at the Weymouth Outdoor Education Centre on Monday 28th June 2021.

◇ My child has sailed previously – *please give details of ability*

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Signed Parent/Guardian .

Dated

Monday 28th June – Reception, Y1,Y2, Y3 and Y4 Sadborow Thorncombe Discovery

Years 3 and 4 and the whole of Pippin Class will be visiting Home Farm on the Sadborow Estate, a working dairy farm and the home of the Gregory family who have kindly invited us to visit. Children will see the milking parlours and the grazing areas, make butter and taste it on crackers or bread as part of learning where our food comes from as well as having the opportunity to ask questions about farming life!

Children will arrive at school for registration as usual at 8.45am and walk down to Home Farm via local footpaths, accompanied by staff and our Chair of Governors. We will look at local landmarks and discuss some local history en route. After we have visited the farm, we will walk to the nearby Gyle 59 brewery site who have kindly offered us the use of their seating and bathroom facilities (the brewery will not be open at the time of our visit) where children will eat lunch. Children will then return to school via footpaths by the end of the school day at 3.15pm.

Children will need to bring:

A packed lunch (which can be ordered from Local Food Links), water bottle and snack if required (fruit will be provided at snack time)

Children should wear comfortable clothing suitable for the weather and suitable footwear for walking in the countryside, and a sun hat.

My child (*insert name*)..... will be attending the Sadborow Thorncombe Discovery trip.

I consent/do not consent to my child making butter from fresh milk and tasting it on a cracker/bread (please delete as appropriate)

Signed

Dated

Parent/Guardian

Tues 29th June Dorset Council Action Van Mix It Up Sports

Dorset Council Action Van and their sports coaches will be with us for a day of mixed sports and activities for the whole school, which will include archery, tri-golf, circus skills and trampolining. All specialist sports will be supervised by sports coaches and others by school staff.

We hope that everyone will enjoy getting active and trying out some activities we don't ordinarily have access to!

All activities will take place during usual school hours and therefore children should arrive and leave school at their usual times.

I consent to my child (*insert name*)..... participating in the activities provided by the Dorset Council Action Van.

Signed

Dated

Parent/Guardian

Weds 30th June Orchard Play in a Day with Treehouse Theatre

Treehouse Theatre will be visiting Orchard Class to create a “Play in a Day” themed around their current History topic, the Romans!

Children will be involved in performance workshops and Roman-related activities for the whole day. The end of each workshop will be filmed and the recordings will then be put together to form a play which we hope to be able to share with parents afterwards.

This will take place during usual school hours and children should arrive and leave at their usual times.

I consent to my child (*insert name*)..... participating in the Treehouse Theatre Play in a Day.

I consent/do not consent to my child (*insert name*)..... being recorded during the course of the day and the recordings being shared with other parents at school.

Signed

Dated

Parent/Guardian

Wednesday 30th June Pippin Abbotsbury Subtropical Gardens

We are planning an educational visit to Abbotsbury Subtropical Gardens – this will be a “Wow” experience as part of our Rainforests topic and will inspire the children’s interest and enthusiasm – the trip will generate a whole host of learning opportunities which we can build on back in school.

School staff will be accompanying the children for the day. We will be leaving school at approximately 9am and travelling by coach to Abbotsbury, returning for the end of the school day.

Please could children bring the following:

Packed lunch (this can be ordered from Local Food Links), snacks and water bottle.

Clothing and footwear suitable for the weather – sun hats/raincoat as applicable!

Please return the attached form as soon as possible.

We look forward to a super day!

I consent to my child.....attending the Pippin class trip to Abbotsbury Tropical Gardens.

Signed **Dated**

Parent/Guardian

Thurs 1st July Orchard Magdalen Dawn to Dusk Day

Orchard Class will be visiting Magdalen Farm for a Dawn to Dusk Day. Children will be registered at school at 8.45 before walking approx 1.5 miles along local footpaths to Magdalen Farm for a day of activities including orienteering, low ropes, team building games and river investigation, as well as time to visit the farm animals and enjoy on-site play equipment. Lunch and dinner will be provided and the day will finish with a campfire before parents collect them at 7.30 pm from Magdalen (approximately a 5-minute drive from Thorncombe).

Children will need to wear comfortable clothes suitable for the weather and stout footwear such as walking boots or trainers. They will also need to bring a water bottle, a sun hat and a change of clothes.

As a local outdoor education provider, we have visited Magdalen many times in the past and are looking forward to an active and enjoyable day. For more information and directions to Magdalen you can visit their website: <https://magdalenfarm.org.uk>

Child's name..... will/will not (*please delete*) be attending the Dawn to Dusk Day at Magdalen Farm

I will be collecting my child from Magdalen Farm at 7.30pm

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My child will require vegetarian meals/has another dietary requirement or allergy (please detail/delete as appropriate).....

Signed.....

Dated

Parent/Guardian

Friday 2nd July Whole School Sports Day and Pizza Oven

On the final day of Active Thorncombe Week, we will hold a Sports Day for everyone, run by our sports coach Joe from PH Sports. He will introduce the children to indo-boarding, which helps build balance and co-ordination using similar skills to skateboarding, then organise some team games and races for a traditional Sports Day. Unfortunately, due to the recent updated guidance issued by the government, we are unable to invite parents and families to join us.

We are planning to finish off the week by lighting the pizza oven and making our own pizzas. We will then show everyone a montage of pictures and videos taken throughout the week to celebrate and reflect on all the wonderful experiences we have had!

I consent to my child.....making and eating their own pizza at school.

I consent to my child.....being photographed/videoed by school staff during Activities Week and their image being used in the following ways. Please tick to indicate your preferences:

	For publication in school publicity materials (e.g. displays in the village hall, school prospectus, newsletter etc)		For publication in local press
	For use on the school website		For use on the public Facebook page
	For use on the closed (parents and carers only) Facebook page		For use on the school Instagram account

Signed

DatedParent/Guardian