



20<sup>th</sup> April 2009

To all Year 8 Parents

### YEAR 8 CAMPING

Year 8 will be camping again this year at Swinithwaite (between Leyburn and Hawes), the home of the Thornton-Berry's. Kate and I shall be looking after them, accompanied by Sharon Hobson (the bushcraft instructor) and one of the gap matrons.

We shall be leaving school on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May at 2pm, and returning on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May in time for the start of half term at 4pm. (Please let me know if you would prefer to collect your daughter from Swinithwaite).

Activities will include cooking, camp fires, swimming in the river, and walking to Bolton Castle for a tour of the castle and its history (Miss Pearson will be covering the relevant periods of history in lessons).

We have enough tentage, but some girls may wish to bring their own. Please may you check carefully any tent you may be sending with your daughter?

A kit list for your daughter is attached. The less they bring the less laundry you will be doing over half term. We shall lend them all school rucksacks so they will not need, and should not bring suitcases.

If you need to contact your daughter while she is camping you will be able to do so via my mobile phone (07833 324258) or, in an emergency, and if my mobile is out of range, via the Thornton-Berrys landline (01969 663443).

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

## KIT LIST FOR CAMPERS

Sleeping Mat attached to:

Rucksack containing (inside a dustbin liner):

- Sleeping Bag (and pillow if needed)
- Swimming things (including footwear for river swimming, such as rubber swimming shoes)
- Waterproof jacket (light – not a barbour)
- Jersey/fleece
- Camera/suncream/mozzi repellent
- Complete change of clothing in dustbin liner (to keep it dry)
- Wellington boots in another dustbin liner (to keep everything else clean)
- Washing thing
- Pyjamas (it may be cold at night, so a fleece and bedsocks may be wise)
- Book
- (Teddy bear)
- Torch

Wear:

- Cotton Trousers/tracksuit bottom (**not** jeans – they are cold when wet)
- Shirt
- Sweatshirt
- Thick socks (or two pairs of socks – to prevent blisters)
- Trainers
- Sunhat if required

**NO CD/TAPE MACHINES, RADIOS OR MOBILE PHONES**

**NO NEED FOR MONEY** (nearest shop miles away)