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Dear Parent/Carer

Bell-Boating has been arranged for all of year 4. As we only have two classes this year, all children will attend on the date shown below. This trip will encourage the children's team building skills and enjoyment in the local area. 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. The trip is being funded through sports premium so there is no cost to the families. Parental consent must be given on the Parent Pay system.

Venue: Start point: The Railway Inn, next to the basin at the end of Vines Park

Dates: Tuesday 16th May 2023

Leaving school at: 9.00am

Returning at: 2.30pm

Party Leader: Mrs S Roberts

Method of travel: Walking from school to the Railway Inn and return

Clothing required: Own comfortable clothes, trainers or old shoes (NOT wellies), a sunhat, waterproof coat, spare clothes, a towel. Layers work well (t-shirt, sweat top, fleece, joggers or tracksuit.) Please apply sun lotion at home.

Other requirements: Substantial morning snack, a packed lunch and non-fizzy drinks. Please bring a drink.

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, flu-like illness, joint and muscle pain often particularly noticeable in the calf muscles. Anyone falling ill with the symptoms after fishing, sailing, paddle or 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.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nicola'.

Nicola Peck

Headteacher

1 Pupils are not insured by the education authority, but we have taken out special educational visit insurance to cover your child. The policy covers personal accident, loss of personal effects and medical expenses

2 The County Council accepts no responsibility for accidents or injury to pupils or for loss or damage to personal effects, unless the cause is negligence by the County Council or any of its staff.

3 Parents are advised, wherever possible, to give the school a telephone number at which they can be contacted in case of an emergency (if we do not have this already) in particular when urgent medical treatment may be necessary