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8th March 2010

Dear Parents

Sailing at Fairlands Valley Sailing Centre, Stevenage

We are very pleased with the interest that has been shown in weekly sailing next term. We have decided to go to Fairlands Valley Sailing Centre in Stevenage this year. Please read the following information carefully and return the reply slip by Friday 19th March to confirm that you would like your child to attend.

‘Dry-land’ session at school: Wednesday 21st April

Everyone is to attend the first session in Queens Hall straight after school, where Mr Bachelor will lead a dry-land session to include wearing buoyancy aids, knots, rigging, land drill, drinking juice and eating biscuits.

Please collect your children from school at **5:00pm**.

Weekly sailing at Fairlands Valley Sailing Centre,

Thereafter, children will be put into groups and sail in rotation at the sailing base in Stevenage. We aim for each child to attend a minimum of 3 sessions, although they may be offered more sessions, depending on the number of adult volunteers we have each week.

The children will need to check the sailing list on the PE cupboard door on the Monday to see if they will be sailing that week. If they are unable to sail they must inform Mrs Hanham as soon as possible so that other children can sail in their place. A list of session dates is attached.

Sailing will start at **4:00pm** and finish at **5:30pm** each week.

Travel

Due to insurance reasons we will not be arranging a travel rota in school. You will therefore need to make your own arrangements for getting your children to the base for a **4:00pm start**, leaving school by 3:35pm, and **collecting them from the base at 5:30pm**.

If you would like to be included on a contact list to be shared with other sailing parents, to enable you to make arrangements to share lifts, please indicate this on the reply slip.

Please also indicate if you would like your child to be put in a group with specific children to make the sharing of lifts easier.

Directions

The full address of the base is: Fairlands Valley Sailing Centre, Six Hills Way, Stevenage, Herts SG2 0BL. You can find a map at the following website: www.stevenage-leisure.co.uk

Clothes

The children **do not need** any specialised equipment for sailing, although they are allowed to use it if they already have any.

They should wear old trousers, a t-shirt, a jumper and soft footwear (trainers or plimsolls). Long hair must be tied back. We will sail in any weather conditions, apart from thunder and lightning, so they should also have a baseball cap, sun cream and a light waterproof coat. Waterproof trousers can be useful but are not essential.

The children should bring a change of clothes, footwear and a towel in case of the unlikely event of capsizing.

Food

Children should bring a snack and a drink with them to eat at school before they leave, or in the car on the way to the base.

Cost

The cost is £9.00 which covers one dry land and three sailing sessions. If there is the opportunity to sail additional weeks, these will be invoiced after the event. Please return the reply slip together with payment of £9.00 (cheques are preferred, made payable to Morgans School) by Friday 19th March as we need to confirm numbers as soon as possible.

Adult sailing

If you are able to sail and would like to help, please speak to Mrs Hanham as soon as possible.

If you are interested in learning to sail, or refreshing old skills you would be more than welcome to come along to Fairlands with us. There are a number of HSSCA taster sessions coming up soon – please see Mrs Hanham for more information.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Hanham

Mrs A Hanham



Sailing dates for Morgans Primary School at Fairlands Valley Sailing Centre, Stevenage

Wed 28th April

Wed 5th May

Wed 12th May

Thurs 20th May

Wed 9th June

Wed 16th June

Wed 23rd June

Wed 30th June

Reply slip for Weekly Sailing at Fairlands Valley Sailing Centre, Stevenage

Child's Name _____ **Class 5GC/5CG**

I give permission for my child to attend

I enclose a payment of £9.00

I would like to be included on a contact list to share with other parents (optional)

My Name _____

My telephone number _____

My email address (optional) _____

I would like my child to sail at the same time as:

Signed _____
