



STOWFORD SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/ Carer

YEAR 6 "Junior Ten Tors" 2024

This year, Stowford School are once again involved in "Junior Ten Tors". This is a really exciting opportunity to take part in the Primary version of the Army led event that takes place in May on Dartmoor. Junior Ten Tors follows much the same format where the children in the team have to navigate and walk across Dartmoor going from Tor to Tor. They have to plan their route, sleep overnight, build their shelter and cook their own food. The difference with the Junior Ten Tors is that the children will be accompanied by adults and they don't have to carry all of their equipment.

The date of this event is 14th and 15th June 2024 with a reserve date of 21st and 22nd June in case of bad weather.

We are planning to select two teams of eight children from Stowford to take part in the event which is going to be held on **14th/15th June**. We leave school on the Friday and walk all day, for approximately 10 miles then camp overnight at a designated campsite (not wild on the moors). We then walk the second day about 6 miles out to waiting vehicles.

Mr Green and Mr Roberts will deliver a series of after school sessions building up to the event and these will incorporate skills such as: map reading, navigation, tent building, cooking and personal survival.

We do expect a certain level of commitment from the children and the parents. Those that are selected will be expected to attend all training sessions, be able to walk 10 miles and have their own walking clothes, boots, rucksack, roll mat and sleeping bag etc. School will provide some tents and cooking equipment. We would also expect parents to do some training at the weekend with their children building up to the event so that they have the stamina and fitness to complete the walk. There will also be opportunities for children to walk together on Dartmoor, during school time, prior to the event.

We will be holding a brief meeting after school on **Monday 29th January 3:30 pm** in the school hall to discuss any queries that you might have regarding the event. Following the meeting, if your child is interested please let us know by filling in the below reply slip and returning to us by **Wednesday 7th February**.

We will then be selecting the two teams of eight (one team from Hawks and one team from Eagles) by drawing names out of a hat. These eight will become the JTT team and we will let you know by **Friday 9th February** who has been selected. JTT training will then start on **Tuesday 20th February** (first day back after half term) and for every subsequent Tuesday for the remainder of the year until the event. A schedule of training and events will be issued with confirmation of your child's place on the team.

We look forward to sharing further information with interested families.

Many thanks

J Green S Roberts

Jamie Green and Sam Roberts

JTT team leaders

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Junior Ten Tors (JTT) - please complete and return to Mr Green

From: _____ Contact No. _____

I give permission for my child _____ in Class _____ to take part in Junior Ten Tors 2024.

Signed (Parent/Carer): _____ Date: _____

