

## Year 9 Ski Trip December 2018



Dear Parents/Guardians

We are delighted to announce that we are again planning a Ski Trip for December 2018. The proposed trip is targeting pupils in Year 8, departing next December while in Year 9. The Ski resort that we are planning to visit is called Montgenevre in the French Alps. Renowned for its excellent snow record and doorstep skiing, Montgenevre enjoys over 300 days of sunshine per year and is a great location for school groups.

We would depart from Church Stretton School on **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December** and travel by coach down to our resort in France (Approx 23 Hr Journey). After skiing for 5 days we would then leave the resort on Thursday 21st December arriving back at school in the evening of **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December (last day of term)**. The cost of the trip would be **£829**.

Included in the price:

- Coach transportation and ferry crossings to and from France
- Skis, ski boots and helmet hire
- Lift passes
- 4 hours daily ski instruction from qualified local instructors (For more able skiers there is the possibility of longer lessons).
- Accommodation
- Fully comprehensive travel insurance including medical, redundancy cover, travel delay, personal liability and 24 hour emergency service.
- All meals (Apart from those while travelling to and from resort)

- Evening activities (possibility of bum boarding, skidoo rides, discos and movie nights)

We intend to have a payment plan which is listed below. However, payments could be made early using the new online pay facility we have in school.

Deposit by Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October: £75 (Deposit)  
 1<sup>st</sup> Payment by Friday 1st Dec: £150  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Payment by Friday 9<sup>th</sup> Feb: £150  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Payment by Friday 18th May: £150  
 4<sup>th</sup> Payment by Friday 12th September: £150  
 Final Payment by October HT 2015: £154

The proposed trip would be run through Equity Ski (formally known as SkiPlan) who have years of experience at delivering fun, safe and successful School trips. I will be the party leader and have worked with Skiplan on previous trips, they are always very good!

The price is based on attracting viable working numbers. The trip cannot accommodate more than 40 pupils and in the event of the trip being oversubscribed places will be allocated in a fair and unbiased way. We will operate a reserves list for those that are not allocated an initial place. **At this stage we are only asking for expressions of interest so that we can evaluate numbers. After this all those that have expressed as interest will be invited to an information session whereby a decision can be made as to whether you wish to apply for a place. If you are interested in attending this trip and want to find out more then please return the attached slip to Mr Ward or the office by Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October. No places will be confirmed until a further letter is sent inviting you to a meeting.**

This is a fantastic opportunity for pupils, however I am aware of the costs involved and the financial pressures in the current climate. I would hate for pupils to miss out due to the price of the trip and those that are concerned are encouraged to contact me at school to discuss the trip in further detail.

For parents that have printer issues: Please just write a note to say you wish to attend an information evening.

Yours Sincerely

Mr T Ward  
 SENDCo

Mrs C Thomas  
 Educational Visits Coordinator

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 Please complete and return to school office by **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October**: I would like my child (full name please) .....Tutor group..... to be considered for next year’s Ski Trip, and would like a further letter inviting me to an information session.

Signed:..... (Parent/Carer)

(If you are having printer issues then please sign a piece of paper letting me know you are interested in a 2<sup>nd</sup> letter).