

Stone Farm

2020



STONE FARM 2020

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(Please note that this number is for emergency use only. Please ask to speak to a member of staff, as children will not be allowed to receive calls)

Stone Farm, our base for the week, is a working farm consisting of 110 acres of organic pasture. There is a lake with adjoining woodland which has been set aside as a nature reserve where badgers, deer, otters, foxes, kingfishers and moorhens may be seen if we are quiet and lucky! Our hosts are Phillip and Heather Hatton.

Accommodation is in the main farmhouse (a 17th Century listed Devon longhouse) and a converted barn (Applestone). Both buildings have central heating and plentiful supplies of hot water for showers and baths. Children sleep in bunk beds and will therefore require a duvet and a pillowcase. Each building has a large dining room, which is also used for study, and several other rooms for quiet recreation. There is also rather a lot of space outdoors, if the children get any time to play.

Itinerary

Tuesday 31st March

- Children arrive at school at 9.45am *
- Depart, 10.00am *
- Stop at Montacute House for picnic lunch (packed lunch to be provided by parents)
- Arrive at Stone Farm at approx. 3.00pm *
- Tour of the farm and meet the animals; unpacking
- Evening activities

** times will be confirmed in a letter a few days before the trip.*

Wednesday 1st April

- Morning farm jobs
- Walk on Dartmoor with guides
- Afternoon time with the animals
- 6.00pm Tea
- 7.45pm to 8.45pm Falconry Display

Thursday 2nd April

- Morning farm jobs
- 10.00am walk to Brentor Church then on to Morwellham Quay
- 11.30am Arrive at Morwellham Quay (www.morwellham-quay.co.uk)
- 4.30pm return to Stone Farm
- 6.00pm Tea
- Evening activities

Friday 3rd April

- Breakfast and last pictures with the animals
- Packing
- Depart Stone Farm at 10.00am; arrive back at school at approx. 3.00pm
- Packed lunch provided by Stone Farm

Evening activities will vary according to factors such as the weather and how much time we have, but are likely to include some, or all, of the following: falconry display, drawing the barn owl, campfire.

NB: although we expect the activities to take place according to the above plan, it may be necessary to vary the programme on any day if the weather is unsuitable.

Stone Farm 2020 – Suggested kit list for the week

- Covered duvet (if possible, as this is warmer and quieter than a sleeping bag - this should be packed in a strong bin liner or similar)
- Pillow case

- Wellingtons (in a plastic bag)
- Comfortable trainers
- Waterproof clothing
- Warm anorak or outdoor jacket
- Hat
- Gloves
- Underwear (with some spares)
- Socks (some of which should be long for wearing with wellies – and, again, plenty of spares)
- Two pairs of comfortable trousers (not jeans, as these are uncomfortable and heavy when wet)
- School sweatshirt (for outward and return journeys)
- Sweatshirts / jumpers (fleecy thin layers are better than one thick and heavy sweatshirt)
- T-shirt / shirts

- Slippers for indoor wear (very important, as shoes cannot be worn inside at the farm)
- Tracksuit or other comfortable clothes to wear indoors
- Pyjamas / nightwear

- Small cuddly toy / mascot

- Backpack / rucksack (to carry daily requirements)
- Pencil case etc.
- Clipboard
- Plastic zip wallet – A4 size
- One large and one small towel
- Clothes pegs (two)
- Wash bag with toothbrush, toothpaste, flannel, shampoo, soap (in container), hairbrush etc.
- Packs of pocket tissues
- Black plastic bag for dirty clothes (essential if you want your child to be able to find the clean stuff!)
- Bum bag / money belt / neck purse
- Book / comic / small non-electronic game

- Camera / spare batteries / charger

PLEASE LABEL EVERYTHING WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME.

Children should **not** bring:

Sweets, mobile phones, computer games, music players, make-up, sprays, or any potentially dangerous equipment.

It will be very helpful to your child if they pack with you, so that they can find everything easily.

Travelling

Please ensure that waterproof clothing is easily accessible in the child's hand luggage.

All medication should be handed to the designated member of staff in a clearly labelled envelope. Please ensure that, if required, travel sickness tablets have been taken prior to departure on Monday morning.

Children should arrive at school at 9.45am on the Tuesday morning, to leave at 10.00am. The coaches will take us to Devon, arriving at the farm at approximately 3.00pm. Children should bring their own packed lunch on Tuesday, and this should be in a disposable container.

Please only pack what your child would normally eat, as anything that is not eaten will be thrown away.

Children should not bring sweets on the trip.

Our coaches will stay with us throughout the week. The coach company (Tamar Coaches) operates within guidelines issued by Devon County Council, which are in accordance with those of Surrey County Council. The coach has seat belts on all seats.

Stationery requirements

The children will do a certain amount of work every day, keeping notes of each day's activities etc. The children will need to bring the following:

- 2 or 3 pens
- 2 or 3 pencils
- Colouring pencils
- Ruler, rubber, pencil sharpener
- Notebook
- A small supply of unlined (A4) paper
- Clipboard folder and plastic wallet

The daily timetable

The majority of our time in Devon will be quite strictly timetabled. The children will rise at 7.00am and will help with a variety of jobs around the farm before sitting down to a large and well-deserved breakfast. Children will also be responsible, on a rota basis, for setting the tables, serving meals and clearing tables at the end of each meal. After the evening meal the children may have some time to choose a quiet relaxing activity - a game, reading etc. There will also be organised activities in the evening.

The children will be expected to keep their dormitories tidy at all times, and regular inspections will take place!

Pocket money

The children will need some pocket money which they will use to purchase cards, information leaflets and booklets, to use in their follow-up work. £10 is more than ample for these purposes, and this should still leave some money for personal spending and presents. We would be grateful if children could bring some of this money in change, as changing lots of ten-pound notes in one shop can rather hold up proceedings. The children will be responsible for their own money and will keep it at all times.

Cameras

Children are encouraged to bring cameras to keep a photographic record of the trip. Photographs will inspire diary writing whilst sharing their wonderful memories and will enhance their diary presentation.

If your child is bringing a camera, **please help them to learn how to use it prior to the trip**. If it is digital, please send a spare set of batteries or charger.

Health and Safety

The trip has been planned in accordance with County guidance, as detailed in the SCC manual 'Guidelines for Educational Visits and Outdoor Education Activities' and the DfES document 'Health and Safety of Pupils on Educational Visits'.

Risk Assessments have been completed for all activities, and we have also reviewed the health & safety policies and risk assessments of the places we are visiting.

A first aid kit travels everywhere with us, and a small first aid kit will be carried by each group leader to deal with any minor injuries or scrapes, along with relevant medication for individual children e.g. inhalers. In the event that the group leader is not able to deal with a situation, medical advice will be sought locally. If medical advice is sought, parents will be notified immediately. A member of staff in each house is designated to be in charge of medicine during the week.

Food

No child (or adult) has ever complained of being hungry at Stone Farm! The children eat well during the week, but they need to because they will be using a lot of energy. The food consists of wholesome farmhouse fare, cooked by Mrs Hatton and her team:

Breakfast: cereal, cooked breakfast, toast, tea, fruit, yogurt

Lunch: Tuesday - packed lunch from home
Wednesday - Friday - packed lunch provided by Stone Farm

Evening meal: two course meals, including e.g. pizza, lasagne, shepherd's pie (vegetarian alternatives also available)

Back at school

The children will be asked to write up and to collate the work they have done during the week.

If you have any questions about any aspect of the trip, please see Mr Godfrey, Miss Jenkins or Mrs Cunningham.