

28<sup>th</sup> November 2016  
**SKI TRIP 2017 – UPDATE**

Dear parent/carer,

We are writing to you to give you an update and some further information about the Parents' Information Evening on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December.

### Confirmation of date

We are now in a position to be able to confirm that the trip will depart on **Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> February** and return to school on **Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2017**. We are delighted to inform you that our flights are now booked and that we will be departing from **Doncaster Robin Hood Airport** (which is fantastic news for us) and returning to **Birmingham Airport**, with a transfer by coach back to Hungerhill. We will provide full details of the travel arrangements at the Parents' Information Evening next Monday.


### Xscape Trip - Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2016

On the above date we will be taking all pupils involved in the trip to Xscape, Castleford for a pre-trip ski lesson. This is an essential requirement of the Risk Assessment in order for us to have witnessed each child in a Skiing environment prior to the trip. It will give all beginners the opportunity to be shown how to put on ski boots and skis and an introduction to skiing on the nursery slope. Those more experienced skiers will either take part in a more advanced lesson or gain some time on the main slope dusting off the cobwebs, and demonstrating their ability to us as staff to help us ensure they're in the right level of lesson when we are on the trip. The trip to Xscape will cost £27.50 per pupil, which will include a 1-hour lesson from qualified instructors, ski boot, ski and helmet hire, and coach transport to and from Castleford. **We will collect the payment for this at the Parents Meeting (Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December) so please don't send any money in to school beforehand.** The trip will depart straight after school and return to school at approximately 7.45pm, we will provide more details at the Parents Meeting.

### Parents Meeting reminder - Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December

Please be reminded that the **Parents' Information Evening** for the trip takes place on **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December** in the school hall, starting at **6pm**. It is essential that **every pupil** attends this evening, and that they are accompanied by **at least 1 adult** please. The evening will involve a presentation containing all of the key information you'll require for the trip and the opportunity for you to ask us any questions you may have. We will provide you with a booklet containing all of the key information and there will be some paperwork for you to sign too. For this reason please could we request that you bring along a pen. Please also bring your **£27.50 payment for the Xscape Trip** mentioned above (Cheques made payable to 'Hungerhill School'). There will be the opportunity for you to sign paperwork and make this payment prior to the presentation, between **5.40pm and 6pm**, and then again following the presentation. We intend to have completed the presentation by **6.45pm**.



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### Hoodies - Choose your size

As part of the trip we will be providing pupils with a Ski Trip hoody that they will wear for the journeys and keep as a memento following the trip. The hoody will have pupils' initials printed on the front and a print on the reverse. In the next few days we are expecting to receive samples of each available size which will be available for pupils to try on during break times and lunch times. We will provide the pupils a deadline for informing **Mr Grocock** and **Mr Barlow** of their chosen size, after which point we will give our best guess for any pupil who hasn't given us their preferred size. Unfortunately, we will not be able to exchange garments that don't fit properly and a hoody must be worn during the journeys for risk assessment purposes; so pupils are strongly advised to take the opportunity to try one on! For this reason, please can we encourage you to check that your son/daughter has taken the opportunity to try on a sample and let us know which size they would like - we will give them regular reminders at school. Thank you.

### Pupil Information Sheets

We have attached a form to this letter that we ask you to complete and **return to Miss Wadd by Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December**. The information on this form is essential information about your child that we require to be able to take them on the trip. Please don't leave any parts blank as we require all of the information on the form. Could we also request that should any of the information on this form change between now and the trip (eg. Emergency contact details, medical conditions etc) that you inform us as early as possible please, so that we can amend the sheets.

### Passports and EHICs

Could we also give another reminder regarding passports. If you have recently updated your child's passport or are doing so imminently, please could you provide us with a photocopy as soon as you receive your new documents. Your child will also require an **EHIC (European Health Insurance Card)** in order to participate in the trip. If they don't already have one, they are available online and free of charge. Please be aware that they do contain an expiry date, so we'd be grateful if you could ensure that you've checked it will be in date at the time of travel.

### PE Department on Twitter (@hungerhill\_pe)

As we get closer to the trip we will post more and more updates on our Twitter page. To keep fully up to date, please follow the PE Department at '@hungerhill\_PE' - we will also use this to update you whilst we are on the trip.

As always, if you have any questions regarding the trip or you wish to inform us of something, please give us a call at school on **01302 885811**, alternatively you can contact us via email. We look forward to seeing you all at the Parents Meeting in December, but in the meantime, please get in touch if we can help with anything.

Yours sincerely,



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