

## Scouts Winter Term 2019

Happy New Year/Term. I have a feeling that 2019 is going to be an exciting scouting year. As always, we will talk to the scouts the first week back to find out what they would like to do for the rest of the term. The programme will be reissued in the next couple of weeks once we have worked out how to fit everything in. Keep an eye on the website for the updated version and we may save a few trees. We're in the hall in uniform until we tell you otherwise.

### Here are some important dates you need to know about

- **Winter Hike - Saturday 16th February:** There is no Brass Monkey this year, so we thought it would be fun to have a one day adventure in the Richmondshire area. Planning is in the early stages but we expect to spend all day exploring the dales around Richmond. Any enthusiastic parents who fancy joining us, let us know, you're more than welcome. More info next week but expect costs to be minimal.
- **Winter Camp - 8th-10th March:** Scout Winter Camp returns to Thornthwaite activity centre for the first time in a few years. We'll have some fun playing and exploring in the woods and surrounding areas for a couple of days. Booking the centre for indoor sleeping/eating accommodation is not cheap, so we require a minimum number of scouts to sign up for this weekend. If we don't reach our minimum level by the closing date **there is a risk that the camp will be cancelled.** Please don't hold on to your form until the last minute, or we may cancel it earlier if take up is slow.
- **Summer Expedition Camp - 20th-21st July:** In order to gain the Chief Scout's Gold Award, a scout must complete the expedition challenge badge. This 2 day event in the first weekend of the summer holidays will give the opportunity to complete the challenge badge. This **will not** be a weekend of children carrying all their kit on a lengthy forced hike. The scouts will plan and take part in something that is appropriate to their age and ability. More details after Easter but save these dates; they only come round every two years.

### Things to remember this term (and every term):

- Subs have moved to direct debit and will now be charged at £10 per month all year round. If your child moves section your DD mandate will be cancelled and a new one will need to be set up in the new section. You will get emails about this. DD usually goes smoothly, but if you have any queries, **the best thing to do is email us** at bartonscouts@gmail.com and we will get back to you ASAP.
- It's uniform every week unless the programme says it isn't.
- Please let us know by text if you are not going to be at scouts at any point. Contact details are on the website.
- If you don't come to scouts for 3 consecutive weeks without contact we will be in touch to ask if you still want your place. There are others that do. If we don't hear back within 2 weeks your place will be given away.
- Please bring a coat every week, not only because we may do an activity outside of the hall, **but because we live in England where the weather is generally awful in winter, so it's plain old common sense.**
- Please don't abandon your scouts outside the gates of Kiplin. It's a very busy, dark road.

Please get in touch with any questions via the usual channels

Gavin, Anthony, Karen and Darren

## Winter Term 2019 Programme - Provisional

Date	Activity	Location	Notes
10/01/2019	Troop Forum	Hall	
17/01/2019	Taskmaster	Hall	
24/01/2019	LED Torches	Hall	
31/01/2019	CPR Training	Hall	
07/02/2019	Tricky Mapping	Hall	
14/02/2019	How to Walk	Hall	
21/02/2019	Jamboree	Hall	
<b>28/02/2019</b>	<b>Half Term Break</b>	<b>Anywhere</b>	<b>No Scouts</b>
07/03/2019	Exploring in the Dark	Richmond	
14/03/2019	Paracord Projects	Hall	
21/03/2019	Disability Awareness	Hall	
28/03/2019	Unbelievable Truth	Hall	
04/04/2019	Big Fat Quiz of the Term	Hall	
11/04/2019	Easter Egg Hunt	TBC	No uniform. Bring waterproofs.