



1st Fressingfield Scout Group

Yoxford & Peasenhall School Section

Newsletter

Dear Parents

I am delighted to advise you that the trial project between 1st Fressingfield Scout Group and Yoxford & Peasenhall Primary School will now continue and become a permanent part of the school timetable. It is really important to understand that while the scout sections operate at school and on a Friday afternoon, it is not a school lead activity – the scouting activities are organised and lead by adult volunteers of the scout association. If parents have questions or suggestions to make about the delivery of the programme these must be directed to the uniformed leaders and volunteers and not to the school. Activities are run and expectations are worked up with the children and are therefore different from how the school operates. To support this distinction from after half term the timings for the scout sections have changed slightly as follows:

After lunch, children are registered in class, pack up, change into their scout uniform and are handed over to the scout leaders at 115pm. Children are dismissed from scouts at 315pm directly to parents – Teaching Assistants will support children as usual with school transport at the end of the school day.

Attached to this newsletter is the programme for the next half term, we will be focusing on first aid as a skill for life, there will be of course games, we will be taking some time to reflect on Armistice and planning a fundraising activity for the sections at Y&P so that we have a pot of money for badges and consumables to help us deliver a programme.

Finally, a request, the adult leaders are all volunteers with 1st Fressingfield Scout Group and run sections in the evenings as well. One of the feedback issues from young people is that they would like to do activities/camps etc out of school as well. 1st Fressingfield Scout Group would welcome young people from the Y&P School section to join us on camps and weekend activities.

This can only happen if we have some adult volunteers that join us as uniformed leaders, otherwise we simply don't have enough adults to support further children joining our activities. It really isn't scary at all and is actually great fun for the adults as well. All adult leaders receive a free uniform, free training and support and the opportunity to share some amazing experiences with the children. Volunteers can be parents, other family members or members of the community, volunteers need to work as a team, be prepared to roll their sleeves up and will be required to have a DBS check.

If you are (or you know of anyone) interested in hearing more about volunteering with the scouts at Y&P, I am holding an informal meeting over a coffee/tea on Friday the 9th November, 230pm at the school – please do come and hear from other leaders what volunteering entails. For the scout sections at school to work really well and to allow the children to take part in wider scouting activities we really do need your help.

Yours in Scouting

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