

St Mary the Virgin CE Primary School Newsletter



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Dear Parents and Governors,

We have all returned from an amazing four days in Derbyshire. We may be tired but we have had a wonderful time!



A visit to Treak Cliff Cavern on the Friday started the exploration of caves. Having read the fictional story, Blue John, it was fascinating hearing the children retell the story as they saw the Blue John crystal for real.

Arriving at White Hall Centre, food was upper-most in everyone's mind – especially Mr Marriott! Home cooked food was the order of the day and plenty of it. A host of activities awaited the children; caving, stream scrambling, climbing, wires' course, zip-wire, rock scrambling.

Even in the evenings there were activities to do; walking the night-line; secret agents; building shelters – tested with a bucket of water!

No wonder we are all tired.

The children have come back with memories to last a life time.



Some of their comments included:
'The best weekend of my life'
'It was so good, I didn't want it to end.'
'It was great to be a part of a group. I enjoyed the friendship.'

Living together in dormitories was also part of the experience. We ran a competition to find the tidiest dormitory. After the first night, I did think that keeping their rooms tidy would be quite a challenge! However everyone rose to the challenge and it was a hard fought contest. Froggatt dormitory were the winners.

Well done to Nina Dawe, Josie Napper, Adrianna Adams, Beth Townsend and Maia Wellbelove.

All the children were placed in groups for their activities. The children worked together in these groups and built a real team spirit. One person from each group was picked out as the 'Star of the Group'.

Star of the Group

Group A: Josie Napper

Group B: James Kirkland

Group C: Andrew Butcher

Group D: Dominic Fowles

Well done Stars

I would just like to finish this 'White Hall Experience', by saying a big thank you to Mrs Dawkins, Mr Marriott and Mr Smith, for giving up their weekend and thoroughly entering into the fun of the trip!

Pam Edwards, Headteacher.