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School

September 2011

Dear Parent,

Laxton/LJS Kenya 2012

As you may be aware, Oundle has very strong links with Kenya, and in April 2012 we plan to run our first trip of junior pupils to experience life in the Rift Valley.

The aims of the 2012 trip are simple;

- To give the pupils a taste of life in Kenya, and see some experiences you cannot get on the "tourist trail"
- Help generate links to schools and orphanage
- "Teambuilding" and adventurous activities opportunities.
- Safari

The trip will be accompanied by me, who has run annual trips from Oundle to Kenya since 2001; Laura Burden, of the Oundle English department, who will be working in Kenya during 2011; and Jackie Ormston, from LJS. All are experienced members of staff, with much trip experience between them. We aim to take a maximum of 12 pupils, ideally 6 from Laxton Junior and 6 from Laxton Years 1 and 2.

The rough itinerary for 2012 is below, though not as yet confirmed – once the group is formed, we can finalise options. Accommodation will either be in school dorms, tents and other "bush accommodation" or hotels:

Thursday April 12th

Bus leaves Sports Hall Car Park 1400. Depart London Heathrow VS671 c.2100.

Friday April 13th

Arrive Nairobi c.0605. Sheldrick Elephant orphanage. Transfer to Pembroke House School.

Saturday April 14th

Day at Pembroke and visit Saidia House orphanage.

Sunday 15th

As 14th OR transfer to Malewa Trust via Mwega and Kimbo primary schools.

Monday 16th

As 15th OR leadership day at Malewa Trust

Tuesday 17th

Lake Nakuru National Park EITHER as day trip with pupils from Kimbo School OR as overnight safari trip.

Wednesday April 18th

Transfer to Nairobi. Transfer to Boulevard Hotel for R+R.

Thursday April 19th

Depart Nairobi on VS 672 c.0950. Arrive LHR c.1640. Return to Oundle c.2000?

Two issues will understandably be on your mind - safety and cost.

- Kenya has as many problems as any developing country, but we spend little time in towns and cities (where most crime might occur) and in the past have only received tremendous hospitality and goodwill in the communities we help. We never take pupils anywhere we ourselves do not feel safe, and the trip is fully covered by the School's substantial insurance policies, which gives us medical protection including access to the Amref flying doctor's service in Kenya.
- As to cost, much depends on final numbers, flight costs (by far the most expensive item), currency fluctuations (which at present are of course hard to judge!), and what the group would like to do as regards safaris, but I estimate the cost should fall around £1000, all-inclusive.

If you are interested in your son or daughter coming to Kenya in 2012, please return the attached consent form or contact me by email with any queries you might have.

Yours faithfully,



Ian Clark
Housemaster