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Wednesday 5th February 2025

Dear Parents of Children in Class 4,

Re Residential Visit for Class 4 Children – 16th to 18th July 2025

Every other year we try to offer a residential experience and over the last few years, previous groups of parents have indicated that they value this opportunity. Past visits have been very successful and the timings across three days suited the children well. This demonstrated to us how beneficial it is to try to match the experience to the cohort – something we have taken forward for this year.

This year, we would like to take the children to Calshot Activity Centre near Fawley. It is run by Hampshire County Council so charges are on a non-profit basis. As a result, costs are highly competitive in the market, cheaper than similar private Centres. The Health and Safety requirements enforced through Hampshire Outdoors Team is the market leader in standard and in my experience, Calshot is the best Centre available and offers the best experiences for children. The visit will run over three days, leaving on the morning of **Wednesday 16 July** to arrive around 11am, returning on **Friday 18 July** leaving the Centre at around 2pm. The accommodation will be inside dormitory rooms and all meals are provided.

Many of you will be familiar with the residential where siblings have attended but if you would like to find out a little more about what the visit entails you are welcome to attend a meeting in-school on Friday 14th February at 3pm.

We think this will offer the children a genuine residential experience to promote independence and self-reliance away from home, for just the right amount of time. Whilst at Calshot, the children will enjoy challenging, exciting activities. This is likely to include high ropes activities using their world-class climbing facilities, inside artificial ski-slope and we would make use of the water sports facilities in the warmer weather July should bring. All the activities would be delivered by fully qualified instructors in small groups.

We are also very conscious of the cost of a residential for parents and have tried to ensure costs are kept as low as is possible. The cost of the residential is anticipated to be around £333.50 (of which £30.35 covers the cost of coach transport). Once consented, payments could be made in a number of ways. Families can make payments via Arbor where you can pay the whole amount, in big chunks or by many smaller instalments as works for you between now and 16 July. We can access some subsidies from the church so families

experiencing difficulties may like to have a confidential chat with me, to see if you might be eligible.

If you would like to secure a place for your child, please provide your parental consent via Arbor **by Friday 14 February** together with a deposit for £75. The balance can be spread out between now and the visit.

If you would like to pay through smaller, spread-out amounts you are very welcome to. If you would like to confidentially discuss alternative payment terms, please speak to myself or Mrs Bettridge in the office.

I will write and confirm details nearer the time, including a date for a parent meeting where we will fully explain accommodation, safety, activities and what the children need to bring.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "D. Woolley". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped 'y' at the end.

Mr David Woolley
Headteacher