



Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

As promised, I am getting in touch with further details about our Year 5 and 6 residential trip to the Isle of Wight. The dates of the trip are:

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June – Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2024**

We will be staying at the PGL, Little Canada Centre, with all meals provided there. The children will be involved in a busy schedule of events, including the following activities:

- A trip to the Needles which will include, a glass making workshop, a sweet making workshop, a sand art activity and a 4D cinema experience. Children will also spend time on the beach which we will access via a chairlift.
- Time at Osborne House where children will be able to tour the house and grounds and also take part in a Victorian immersive experience. This will build on the children's learning from Year 4, where they studied the Victorians.
- A visit to Monkey Haven, a monkey sanctuary home to many, many rescued monkeys, as well as some rare birds of prey.
- A range of PGL adventurous activities which may include such as kayaking, zip lining, laser tag etc. (the specific activities will be confirmed nearer to the time).

I believe the trip will be highly beneficial to the children. Residential trips provide the children with an opportunity to mature and improve their qualities of co-operation, confidence, responsibility, self-discipline, decision-making and consideration for others, as well as having a lot of fun and experiencing a huge amount in part of the UK that is unfamiliar to many.

We do understand how expensive everything is at the moment, and we have worked really hard to negotiate the lowest possible cost. **The final cost of the trip is £349.** This includes all travel expenses during the week, accommodation, food, insurance and entrance charges etc.

As a reminder, to secure a place on the trip, you will need to pay an initial deposit of **£35 by Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October** via ParentPay. Please note that this deposit is non-refundable (unless there is insufficient interest to run the trip) and places are allocated on a first come, first served basis.

I would like to take the opportunity to again flag up the fantastic funding opportunities available through the Kingstone Parish Educational Charity Trust, of which Mrs Vigus is a trustee. This funding available **to anyone who is a resident** in the ecclesiastical area of the parishes of Kingstone,

Clehonger, Eaton Bishop, Allensmore or Thruxton. This is a fantastic, and often underused, resource which can significantly help with the cost of this educational trip, perhaps as much as 50% towards the cost of the final trip. It is really worthwhile trying to acquire funding as they often have unallocated money remaining and I would strongly encourage you to apply, even if you have applied before. Letters written by the children themselves is always a well appreciated gesture when applying.

Applications need to be sent a week in advance of the meeting to:

The Hollies  
Clehonger  
Hereford  
HR2 9SD

Below is a suggested payment plan to help spread the costs. However, this is only a suggestion, and on ParentPay you are free to make payments at your own pace. The first and last payments however must be paid by the dates stated below. We know how expensive the festive season can be so have deliberately avoided any payments being due in December and January.

<b>Initial Deposit - £35</b>	Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> October 2023
2 <sup>nd</sup> Payment - £35	Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> November 2023
3 <sup>rd</sup> Payment - £50	Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> February 2024
4 <sup>th</sup> Payment - £50	Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> March 2024
<b>Final Payment (remaining balance) - £179</b>	Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> April 2024

As we are still some way off the trip, we haven't finalised the staffing details yet – these will be released closer to the time. I am leading the trip and will continue to be in close communication with you in the coming months. There will also be an information meeting closer to the departure date. In the meantime, do not hesitate to get in touch with any questions. Please feel free to arrange an appointment through the office or email me directly: [apreece@kingstoneacademy.co.uk](mailto:apreece@kingstoneacademy.co.uk) if you would like to discuss anything further.

Yours sincerely,



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