

Friday 30th June 2023

Dear Parents and Carers.

<u>Year 4 Calshot Activities Centre Residential</u> Monday 27th November – Wednesday 29th November 2023

We are very pleased to be able to offer you the opportunity to secure your child's place for their upcoming Year 4 residential trip to Calshot. This is an exciting trip during which the children will have the opportunity to spend 3 days (2 nights) with their peers; trying out lots of new and exciting sporting activities such as: climbing, skiing and archery, as well as exploring the New Forest. We have always received incredibly positive feedback from our pupils and their families about this trip in the many years that it has been running, and are very pleased to be able to offer it again this year.

The trip will take place from Monday 27th November to Wednesday 29th November 2023. Children will travel by coach and will need to have bedding to take with them. This would ideally be a sleeping bag and pillow to put on top of a mattress. Alternatively, if they do not have a sleeping bag, they will need to provide their own pillow case, fitted single sheet and single duvet cover, as these will not be provided by Calshot Activities Centre.

The trip is a great opportunity for the children to strengthen relationships with their class, as well as their teachers and support staff, outside of a classroom environment. We really believe this is a beneficial trip for all children and would love to see them all there. The total cost of the trip is approximately £185 (subject to change depending on numbers).

An initial, **non-refundable cash deposit of £50 must be received by Friday 8**th **September 2023.** Due to factors beyond our control our online payment system is changing so on this occasion we would ask that the deposit is paid to the school office in cash. Please ensure this is in an envelope clearly marked with your child's name and class. Please note that if you do not pay your deposit by this date we cannot guarantee your child a space at a later date.

We shall write to you again when we have final numbers, to confirm the actual cost of the trip and implement a payment plan to enable you to spread the balance over 3 monthly payments (these will be due on 1st October, 1st November and 1st December) you will be able to make these payments online as the new system will be in use. Please note that once your child's deposit has been received you will be liable for the payment of your child's place in full even if they change their mind and no longer wish to go.

Parent Volunteers:

Over the last couple of terms, we have incredibly lucky to have lots of parents/carers sign up to volunteer in school, and this included on residentials. If you would like the opportunity to accompany the children on the residential then please complete the volunteer JotForm by clicking the link **HERE**.

The school will also need to carry out a DBS check which can take up to 6 weeks, as well as an induction process, so please register your interest as soon as possible to ensure that you would be able to attend.

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In return for volunteering, parents will be provided with three generous meals a day, plus snacks and hot and cold drinks. You will have a private room, and there are also showers and hot drink facilities available. If you wish, you are also able to join in with all the activities, including skiing, archery and rock climbing.

Alongside a qualified Calshot instructor, volunteers will supervise a group of Year 4 children. Responsibilities will include taking children to and from activities, to the cafeteria for meals, and ensuring children are ready for bed on time! At all times, class teachers will be available to support and assist.

Kind regards,

Year 4 Team

