

4th September 2008

Dear Parents

For many years the school has organised a successful programme of residential visits. These have enhanced the children's education both socially and across the curriculum.

Our programme of visits begins in Year 4 with a two-night visit to the New Forest. We stay near Lyndhurst at the Minstead Study Centre which is owned by Hampshire County Council. Accommodation is in a new building with centrally heated dormitories equipped with washrooms and showers. There are indoor classroom facilities, but the majority of the time is spent outdoors studying the environment.

Minstead has a friendly staff, well used to accommodating children of this age and providing a secure, but exciting education experience.

This year our visit will take place during the week beginning 13th October 2008.

- Mrs Atkinson's Class will visit Minstead from Monday, 13th October to Wednesday, 15th October. The adults accompanying the visit are Mrs Atkinson, Mrs Byrne and Mr Bucknill.
- Mrs Toft's Class will visit Minstead from Wednesday, 15th October to Friday, 17th October. The adults accompanying this visit are Mr Bucknill, Mrs Toft and Mrs Hunt.

Mrs Atkinson's Class: Children should arrive at school no later than 8.50am and meet in their classroom. The children will be leaving for Minstead at approximately 9.30am and will be returning to school on Wednesday, 15th October at approximately 2.15pm.
(13th October)

Mrs Tofts Class: Children should arrive at school as normal and meet in their classroom at 8.50am. The children will be leaving school at approximately 9.30am and will be returning to school on Friday, 17th October at approximately 2.15pm.
(15th October)

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Please fill in the attached medical form and the slip below and return to school as soon as possible. Any medicines required by your child for the residential trip should be clearly labelled and handed to the class teacher on the morning of departure.

Travel will be by coach. The cost of the visit will be £100.00. These visits are an important part of our school life and we feel that every child should take part. We do understand that you might find it difficult to meet the costs. If you feel that this might be a problem please contact us and we shall try to find a way to help. Please remember all our residential visits are non-profit making. Our costs for this trip includes expenditure for coaches, laundry, the residential centre and mid-morning snacks.

Your child will shortly bring home a small booklet about the visit, which includes the equipment list. Please note there will be a parents' meeting about Minstead at **3.40pm on Wednesday, 1st October in Mrs Toft's Y4 Classroom.**

We believe that Minstead provides a memorable and magical learning experience for the children. We hope that they are looking forward to their first residential visit.

Yours sincerely

Rowley Bucknill
Deputy Headteacher

**Swanmore CE (Aided) Primary School
Year 4 Residential Visit to Minstead - October 2008**

Child's Name Class

- I wish / do not wish my child to go on the residential visit to Minstead.
- I enclose a deposit of £20.00 (due by Friday, 26th September) and will pay the balance of £80.00 by Friday, 3rd October (cheques payable to Swanmore Primary School please).
- I wish to pay by instalments and would like a payment card.
(Please delete as appropriate)

Signed (parent) Date