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Year 6 School Journey 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to let you know that we have scheduled next year's School Journey.

School Journey will take place during the week of **30th October – 3rd November** (the week after October half term) at **Hindleap Warren** in East Sussex. Set amongst 300 acres of beautiful countryside and wildlife, the 'rustic' Centre provides both accommodation and education. The children will experience the excitement of sharing a room with friends, as well as big communal breakfasts, lunches and dinners (which come highly recommended!). They will be participating in a range of brilliant activities, from forest walks to challenging team-building exercises to archery – and that's just a few of them! We will be writing letters home, as well as creating a keepsake book.

We will have a special assembly after we return to celebrate the children's achievements and so that they can tell you all about the exciting things they did while they were away.

The advantages to having School Journey early in the year are numerous. Children get the opportunity to learn to work together to solve challenging problems in an environment outside of the classroom; this can be built upon over the course of the year, instead of just as they are about to move on to secondary school. Furthermore, they are able to experience this with their new class teacher, offering opportunities to see school staff in a different light; staff are also able to see early on in the year strengths that children display that may not be so obvious in a classroom environment. The weather at the end of October is usually absolutely perfect for the kinds of activities that the children will do at Hindleap Warren: there is nothing worse than trying to do a muddy forest adventure when it hasn't rained for three weeks!

The facilities at Hindleap Warren are second-to-none. I have been three times with different Year 6 classes and have never once been disappointed by the staff, the activities, the food or the children's reactions and responses to the activities and everything offered to them.



We will be leaving on the morning of Monday, 31st October 2017, and

returning for approximately 3.30pm on Friday, 3th November 2017. **The cost will be £295.** The cost includes coach travel, all meals, accommodation and at least four different activities a day (as well as an evening activity).

You can begin making payments immediately, but we would ask that you make a deposit of **£60 by Friday, 24th February (week after February half term)** to confirm your child's place. Please enclose the below slip with your cash deposit (or indicate that you have paid online).

Further payments will be due as follows:

£60 by 31st March

£60 by 25th May

£60 by 14th July

£55 by 8th September

Any families in receipt of free school meals who may find it difficult to make these payments should come speak to me to work out alternatives. We want all children to be able to come on this once-in-a-lifetime trip and will do whatever we can to make it happen. You can, of course, pay online and may make payments as frequently as you like, spreading the cost over time even more than the schedule above or in one payment.

We will speak to the children this term and discuss the contents of this letter, as well as some of the activities they will be doing in a bit more detail.

We will have a meeting for parents and carers on **Thursday, 23rd February 2017 at 3:30pm** where we will go through the activities and the details of the daily routine, as well as lots of other information.

We are all extremely excited about the upcoming journey, as I'm sure you (and the children) are!

Sincerely,

Sarah Millener

I confirm that I give permission for my child, _____, to attend the Year 6 School Journey at Hindleap Warren from 30th October – 3rd November 2017.

I enclose a deposit of £60. ☐

I have paid £60 online. ☐



Signed _____

