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Dear Parents,

We are pleased to announce that we have now finalised details for the year 5&6 residential trip in 2020. We are very excited to say that we will be going to the Kingswood Centre on the Isle of Wight from 15th to 19th June 2020. Kingswood provides adventurous and challenging activities for children as well as beach activities such as rock-pooling. We also hope also to be able to visit the historic Carisbrooke Castle as well. The journey involves a ferry trip from Portsmouth Harbour to Ryde on the Isle of Wight as foot passengers and then we will continue to the Centre in Bembridge using public transport.

The trip will cost £478.40 per child including all accommodation and travel. We have approached many companies and locations over the last month or so to try and find the best deal we can to give our pupils a memorable and enjoyable residential experience and we are sure that the trip we are offering represents good value for money. Using the passenger ferry and a public bus on the Isle of Wight has considerably reduced the transport costs and will also provide the children with another life experience. For more information about all Kingswood can offer please visit the parents' zone on their website:

<https://www.kingswood.co.uk/parents/>

Additionally, we think it's important that our pupils should all learn to value the experiences that the school and their parents give them and help raise funds towards the cost of their trip. We are proposing that the pupils going on the trip hold a series of fundraising activities over the next few months to raise funds towards the cost for the whole group. These activities could involve a sponsorship event or an enterprise project with the idea being they would raise funds from others and not their parents! The more money we can raise in this way, the cheaper the cost of the trip will be for parents. I.e. if they can raise £450 over 6 months, this will take £25 off each child's trip payment. We hope that you will all support this idea.

In order to secure our booking for this trip we need to ask for a deposit from you of £50 by the end of February. Please also complete and sign the attached form, which is your commitment to pay the total amount for the trip of £478.40 by 15th May 2020. In order to make payment for the trip easier you may do so in instalments at anytime, of any amount via our on-line payment system Eduspot/schoolmoney. There are 18 months from now to the final payment date which means after the initial deposit of £50 in February you could pay £25.20 per month for 17 months to spread the cost of the trip.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs SHaddy
Class Teacher