

Friday 29th September

Dear Families

Year 6 Residential

Residential Visit to Mill on the Brue: Wednesday 5th June to Friday 7th June 2024

After several years of successful visits to Mill on the Brue Residential Centre, Bruton, we have made a booking for next year from Wednesday 5th to Friday 7th June. The visit will be for 2 nights and 3 full days of activities. We also propose to take the children to visit Glastonbury Tor on our way to Mill on the Brue where we plan to walk the Tor and have a picnic lunch.

We will be holding a Parents' Information Meeting on Thursday 5th October at 3.30pm in Kestrel Class.

The Mill on the Brue centre is seen as one of the best activity centres in the country (described by The Telegraph newspaper as being in "Nine of the best residential summer camps across the UK"). The centre is based around a Victorian farmhouse with converted barns. In addition, there is the award winning Longhouse, which was completed in 2005 and provides space for 120 people to dine whilst overlooking the beautiful Brue Valley. The centre is surrounded by 20 acres of its own fields, woods, river, gardens and working vineyard. The Longhouse won its award for sustainability in its design and the whole centre provides an opportunity for environmental education. The food served is all locally sourced and organic.

To add to the sense of adventure we have once again booked for the camping option in the grounds. The tents are arranged around a campfire, with each tent holding 5-6 children and staff tents in between. The tents are fully equipped with camp beds and have hardwood floors. Meals and washing facilities are in the nearby buildings and there are toilets very close to the tents.

The trip has its emphasis on outdoor and adventurous activities, which will enable the children to develop many life skills within a supportive and safe environment. We will also undertake some environmental education activities. The Mill on the Brue website (<http://www.millonthebrue.co.uk>) has lots of information and a film clip, which should whet your child's appetite.

We are writing to you in advance to give you time to spread the cost of this residential visit and pay in smaller instalments.

The cost of the planned programme for each child is going to be **£257.50**. This includes all activities, food and accommodation on the trip as well as coach travel.

Based on parent feedback, we have taken the decision to remove the two additional activity days that have taken place in previous years, to lower the costs for parents.



The visit has been added to Scopay and parents are able to pay via the Scopay app or on the Scopay website. We will also issue regular account statements to those parents who wish to spread the cost between now and next June and prefer to pay by cash/cheque directly to the school office. The total cost of the trip must be paid in full by Friday 3rd May 2024.

We would like to suggest the following payment schedule as a guideline, for anyone wishing to manage the cost of the trip by paying in instalments. **Whilst this is just guidance, we will be maintaining regular contact with parents and the balance must be paid in full by Friday 3rd May 2024 or your child's place will not be secure.**

£40.00	non-refundable deposit to be paid <u>by Wednesday 18th October 2023</u>
£36.25	payment by 24 th November 2023
£36.25	payment by 5 th January 2024
£36.25	payment by 2 nd Feb 2024
£36.25	payment by 1 st March 2024
£36.25	payment by 5 th April 2024
£36.25	payment by 3 rd May 2024

As with previous years, we hope to take all the children in the year group. Please note that financial support is available to parents who are in receipt of certain benefits. We have written separately to those families in receipt of qualifying benefits.

Please complete and return the reply slip at the bottom of this letter, indicating whether or not you would like your child to attend the residential visit no later than **Wednesday 18th October 2023**.

The trip provides the opportunity to celebrate the end of an era for this cohort of youngsters before they leave primary school for their secondary education as well as further boosting their confidence in advance of this transition. I am sure all the children will benefit from these wonderful opportunities and experiences.

Insurance

Mill on the Brue advises parents to take out their own insurance to cover the trip as they will not offer refunds where they have received payment for a child's place. Refunds will need to be sought through your own private insurance.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you wish to discuss any element of the trip in more detail.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Langlois
School Business Manager



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Child's Name:

Class:

Please tick the boxes where appropriate:

I would like my son/daughter to take part in the Y6 residential	
I would like my son/daughter to take part in the Y6 residential but I wish to speak to someone regarding the overall cost	
I am willing to make the voluntary contribution of £257.50	
I enclose a non-refundable deposit of £40. (Please ensure this is paid by the 18 th October 2023)	
Signed: (Parent/Carer)	

It is really important that your deposit is received by the School Office by Wednesday 18th October in order for us to secure the booking with Mill on the Brue.

Thank you for your co-operation.

