

BENTLEY C. E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

YEAR 6 RESIDENTIAL TRIP TO CALSHOT - JUNE 2019

Dear Parents

We believe that each child is entitled to a broad and balanced curriculum accessed through active learning opportunities with appropriate chances for enrichment; school visits and residential trips are an essential and integral part of doing this. They provide an essential resource for the teaching of the National Curriculum but even more crucially, an opportunity to extend our children's understanding and knowledge of the world and a fabulous opportunity to improve social skills through working as part of a team on collaborative work.

Your child will be offered a residential visit later in Year 6 to Calshot Activity Centre. We feel that these trips are of great value to the children and this has been recognised by parents, other schools and indeed in all our Ofsted reports.

In a prime location on the shores of the Solent, Calshot Activities Centre is one of the largest outdoor adventure centres in Britain. Their outdoor learning programme is focused on helping young people develop mental and physical resilience and confidence. Students learn to look after themselves and others, while achieving success through exciting outdoor activities in new and inspiring settings.

Their top class facilities, excellent equipment and experienced staff combine to make the children's stay at Calshot a truly memorable experience. With a superb programme of activities throughout the day and into the evening, this trip really does help to build confidence and skills.

Your Year 6 child will be invited to stay at the centre from Tuesday 25th to Friday 28th June with a packed itinerary of kayaking, windsurfing and sailing in addition to climbing, dry slope skiing and other team building activities.

We wanted to give you this information now so that you are able to plan ahead for the costs involved. The cost for the five day, four night stay will be £345.00 per child. We appreciate that this is not an insignificant sum and hope this prior notice will help.

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We have set up the ability for you to pay online from today. You may pay the full amount or a little each month, but the non-refundable deposit needs to be paid by 31st January 2019. The balance will then be required by the end of the Spring Term in March 2018.

We hope that all the children will be able to take up this invaluable opportunity, but understand those in financial hardship may wish to discuss the costs. Please do contact the school office who will be more than happy to set up a meeting with me to discuss the payment options.

If you would like to get a flavour for what your child will get up to on their trip, please visit our website and read the blog from this year's visit – click <u>here</u> for a link to the blog.

Yours sincerely

Katy Pinchess Headteacher