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Year 6 Residential 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are writing to inform you of our upcoming Year 6 Residential from Wednesday 22nd May to Friday 24th May 2024.

The residential is a two-night stay in Plymouth: the first night at The National Marine Aquarium to ‘Sleep with the Sharks’ and the second night The Mount Batten Centre. All food will be included, apart from a packed lunch which will be required on the first day.

The timetable for these days will be as follows:

Day 1 (Wednesday 22 nd May)		Day 2 (Thursday 23 rd May)		Day 3 (Friday 24 th May)	
AM	PM (stay at NMA)	AM	PM (stay at MBC)	AM	PM
Morning in school	Travelling to Plymouth late morning & Workshop at the Aquarium	Workshop at the Aquarium	Water-based activity at Mount Batten Group 1	Dry-land Activities at Mount Batten Group 1	Travelling back to School early afternoon. Children collected by parents/carers
	Sleeping with the Sharks	Water taxi across to Mount Batten.	Dry-land Activities and Mount Batten. Group 2	Water-based activity at Mount Batten Group 2	

Sleeping with the Sharks:

What happens during the sleepover?

- Meal provided
- A twilight tour - a chance to see what the fish get up to at night!
- Arts and crafts in the Discovery Zone
- Games in the Aquarium
- Big screen movie in front of the Eddystone Reef tank



- Midnight snack
- In the morning, a light breakfast is provided in the Ocean View café
- Souvenirs - the gift shop will be opened for us

The Mount Batten Centre:

After their time 'Sleeping with the Sharks', the children will travel, via water-taxi, across to The Mount Batten Centre. Whilst at the Mount Batten Centre, the children will take part in a range of dry-land activities (archery & orienteering) as well as a water-based activity across Day 2 and Day 3 (Bellboating).

As a school, we have attempted to keep costs down, whilst keeping the residential to a high standard as we are aware of the financial burden and implication that this cost can have for our families. The breakdown of costs can be seen below.

	Cost	Cost for Children in receipt of Free School Meals
Mount Batten Day Activities	£49	£49
Mount Batten Accommodation	£49	£0
Sleeping With the Sharks (incl. evening meal)	£54	£17.25
Water Taxi	£1.50	£1.50
Additional lunch for day 2	Subsidised by the school	Subsidised by the school
Travel	£17	£17
Gift from Connect Academy Trust	£10 (-£10)	£10 (-£10)
Arbor admin fee 1.5%	£2.40	£1.12
Total	£162.90	£75.87

Payments can be made at any time using the Arbor Parent Portal app (you will need to sign your child up for the trip on Arbor first), however suggested instalments are listed below:

Deadline dates:	Instalments	Free School Meal instalments
12 th January 2024 (deposit)	£40.72	£18.96
12 th February 2024	£40.72	£18.97
12 th March 2024	£40.73	£18.97
12 th April 2024	£40.73	£18.97

To secure your child's place, please pay the deposit (as mentioned above) online by Friday 12th January. Prompt payments would be really helpful, thank you.

It is not compulsory for all children to attend and obviously there will be something put into place for the children who do not wish to attend; however, it is a wonderful way for the children to make memories together and we would encourage them to attend as it is an enriching life experience.

If any children might need specific arrangements to be able to go, please let their teacher know and we will try our best to help in any way that we are able to; likewise, please inform us of any medical needs or medications which we need to be aware of.

We require you to complete a 'Sleeping with the Sharks' consent form information which is compulsory for the children to attend. This will be sent out at a later date.



We will be holding a meeting with information surrounding this residential on **Wednesday 24th April at 3:15pm** in the KS2 Hall. If you have any questions in the meantime, please do not hesitate to speak to your child's teacher before that. If necessary, we will then arrange another date, close to the residential, to answer any last-minute questions.

Kind regards,
The Year 6 Team

