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Dear Parents, Carers and Year 6 Pupils

We are very excited about our upcoming residential trip to The National Marine Aquarium and the Mount Batten Centre from Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May to Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May. We will be holding a meeting on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April at 3.15pm in the Hall to go through the details and answer any questions.

### Year 6 Residential Schedule

#### Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May

Children arrive at school at normal time  
Breaktime snack at school (provided by parents/carers)  
Coach to National Marine Aquarium – pick up from EP at 11.30am  
Arrive at 12.30pm  
Walk up to The Hoe and have picnic lunch (provided by parents/carers)  
Afternoon workshop at the Aquarium  
Dinner  
Sleeping with the Sharks

#### Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May

Breakfast at the Aquarium  
Visit the gift shop  
Morning workshop at the Aquarium  
Ferry across the river to Mount Batten late morning  
Picnic lunch (provided by school)  
Afternoon activities 13.00-16.30 (one group wet activities and one group land activities)  
Settle in rooms  
Evening meal  
Evening games/stories

#### Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May

Breakfast at Mount Batten  
Morning activities 9.00-12.30 (one group wet activities and one group land activities)  
Packed lunch (provided by MB)  
Coach pick up from MB 13.30  
Return to school at 14.30/3pm  
Normal pick up time



Please see below a guide to how best to organise your packing for ease of getting to things during the residential trip.

**One bag or small suitcase containing clothes, shoes etc - this will be put below the coach and transported to Plymouth (do not put your lunch into this bag) ready for the evening at the aquarium. The children will be taking this luggage between the venues of the trip, so will need to be able to lift and transport it themselves. The children will need to wear comfortable clothes to sleep in (more information below) and reach their washbag on the first evening, so please pack these last! They may want a change of clothes for the next day as well as a raincoat (we will be crossing the river by ferry and two years ago it poured with rain!)**

**A disposable named plastic bag with Wednesday's packed lunch in it and a drinks bottle – we will eat once we get to Plymouth. This can be placed in a small rucksack.**

**A named envelope containing spending money (max £10)- this will be collected upon arrival at school on Wednesday and given back at the aquarium gift shop on Thursday morning.**

**A named plastic bag containing any medication - this will be collected upon arrival on Wednesday. Please pick up a medical form from Reception prior to this.**

**A named bag or bin liner with bed (such as a mat or air bed) and bedding (such as a sleeping bag and small pillow) for Wednesday night at the aquarium. This will be taken on the minibus, so the children do not need to carry it.**

*We also strongly advise to try and label everything with your child's name - clothes, shoes, bedding and bags etc to try and negate chance of the loss and confusion at the end of the trip.*

The following items are essential (unless otherwise stated) for the year 6 residential trip to Plymouth. Every item – including underwear, large items and luggage – **must be clearly named**.

**Air beds, luggage and larger items that arrive at school without a name will be named using a permanent marker by a member of school staff.**

We would highly recommend that children do not bring their best/designer/expensive clothing or items as we will be participating in several physical activities that may be messy and we cannot take responsibility for protecting clothing. Additionally, children will be taking responsibility for their own property and we cannot guarantee that losses will not happen.

- Packed lunch in a disposable bag for the first day's lunch and rucksack
- Drinks bottle
- Underwear for 3 days, plus a spare
- Socks for 3 days, plus a spare pair
- 3 comfortable t-shirts/polo shirts
- 3 pairs of trousers – 1 suitable for physical activities (not jeans) and 1 other pair
- Sensible swimsuit (to be worn under wetsuit)
- Named plastic bag for wet clothing
- A warm jumper or fleece
- Pyjamas for Mount Batten
- A set of comfortable clothing for sleeping in at the Aquarium (as the children will all be in one room, pyjamas and nightwear are not appropriate – shorts/leggings and T-shirt is fine)
- A waterproof coat or jacket
- 2 pairs of trainers/comfortable shoes for walking and physical activity (one of these should be old as they will get wet – alternatively, wetsuit-style boots can be worn). **These should also be named** – it's amazing how often one trainer will wander off by itself after an activity!

- Toiletries – a flannel, toothbrush, toothpaste, hairbrush etc (preferably in a named washbag)
- A towel
- Sun cream
- A sun hat
- A single airbed/camping mat or comfortable surface for sleeping on in the Aquarium. You may pack a small pump if you have one.
- A small pillow
- A sleeping bag
- A torch
- A game/set of cards/a book to enjoy during down time (**nothing electronic or valuable**)
- Any medication they require in a named bag with clear written instructions (to be given to the designated member of staff on arrival at school on the Wednesday) **PLEASE FILL IN A MEDICAL FORM THAT ARE IN RECEPTION**
- The children can bring **up to £10** in a named wallet or purse to spend at the aquarium gift shop, to be given to a designated member of staff on arrival at school on the Wednesday (this is entirely optional – the children will not need money for anything else)

What NOT to bring:

- Sweets and snacks
- Mobile phones, tablets, electronic games and consoles etc.
- Jewellery

**If a child is caught with any of the 'Not to bring items' these will be confiscated and handed back to parents/carers upon collection on Friday.**

This list includes the clothes the children will be wearing on the Wednesday, and they can arrive at school in these clothes.

**Please note: The children will be required to transport their own property and, although as much support as possible will be given, there are over 50 children going on the trip and this should be taken into consideration when selecting bags/luggage and airbeds etc.**

Any questions, please just ask.

The Year 6 Team