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MAPLE CLASS RESIDENTIAL TRIP INFORMATION

Dear Parents,

Our exciting two-day residential trip has been booked and confirmed for Tuesday 22nd and Wednesday 23rd May 2018. Please continue reading to find out important details.

I have booked a two-day **Predator and Survival Residential Experience** at Folly Farm Centre, in Avon Wildlife Trust's 250-acre nature reserve, just outside Bath. Activities will include: exploring the huge nature reserve (by day and night!) and learning about animal defences and the food chain from practical experiences, setting humane mammal traps and searching for 'creatures of the deep' in their exciting ponds. This links brilliantly with the children's interest in animals & the outdoors as well as the science we will be studying in the summer term. I have met with the centre manager and the two days will be tailored to the children's experience and interests; it is going to be a jam-packed and memorable two days!

Key Information

- The trip will take place on Tuesday 22nd and Wednesday 23rd May 2018.
- The cost of the trip, to include all travel and food (apart from a packed lunch and snack on Tuesday) will be £105.
- A deposit of £55 is required to secure your child's place on this trip. Please pay this by Friday 16th March and balance of £50 by Friday 4th May 2018. Payment can be made via Parent Pay or by cheque/cash through the School Office.
- This is a non-curriculum trip (similar to the Year 6 trip to Bude) which means that your child will only be able to join us on this experience if payment is made in full before the trip. Please come and see me if this is a problem and I will try to help. If your child is entitled to Pupil premium (i.e. through free school meals by benefit) then please talk to the school office about managing payment.

- We will be leaving Elmhurst Garages at 9am on Tuesday (please be there anytime from 8.45am) and returning back to Elmhurst garages at approximately 3.45pm on Wednesday; I will be in touch with school if we are running late.
- Please provide your child with a packed lunch for Tuesday. All other food and drink will be provided.
- There is a kit list attached to this letter - please read this carefully and pack what is recommended. In addition to the kit list, please pack pyjamas. The children are also encouraged to bring, books, a teddy and any travel games they wish to play with on the coach or before bed. No electricals or mobile phones are allowed, thank you.
- The class will be travelling with 4 adults (to be confirmed) and will be taught by a range of professionals during their visit.
- I have been to visit the accommodation and was extremely impressed with the quality of rooms (the same rooms are used for wedding guests at the venue) and the centre's safety procedures.
- The bedrooms range in size (ranging from two to five children per room) and are arranged over 4 floors, with boys' rooms on different floors from girls' rooms. Staff rooms are scattered amongst children's rooms. Room allocation is decided by me with some input from the children.
- The building will be occupied solely by us and is secured at 10pm so that no one can leave (except of course, in an emergency). I have been made fully aware of all safety procedures, and in addition, two members of staff from the centre sleep in a cottage on site to aid us further if necessary.

Please do and come and see me if you have any questions about this trip. I will send out a final letter nearer the time with a reminder of key information and any other information you need which I have not included here.

Please pay the deposit to secure your child's place on this trip & complete and return the permission form attached to the school office by Friday 16th March 2018.

With best wishes

Sian.

