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Dear Parent/Carer,

We have been fortunate enough to be able to make a provisional booking for your child to attend a residential to Stubbington Study Centre for June 2024, which will be at the end of Year 4 in the Summer term. The dates of the trip are Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2024 (Inset Day is Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2024). Whilst on the residential, the children will take part in a variety of outdoor educational activities where they will learn about the local environment and the animals and plants in the grounds. All of these experiences will provide strong, hands-on links to the Science curriculum and will give a great opportunity to develop children's knowledge and understanding, as well as having a fantastic time away.

The total cost of the residential is £259.00, which covers all accommodation, meals and activities. Due to the high cost of coach travel, we will be asking parents to transport children to and from the Centre as this helps to keep the cost of the trip as low as possible. You may pay in instalments large or small via your child's SCOPAY app. We require the total balance of the residential to be paid no later than 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024.

**We would like to stress that once you have signed your child up for this residential trip, if you decide to withdraw them at any point in the future, you will be liable to pay the balance in full, as the school are committed to pay the centre well in advance of the trip.**

In addition to this letter, we have also provided a PowerPoint presentation and there will also be hard copies of this in the Year 3 shared area next week during parents evening for you to look at while you wait for your appointments. We encourage you to take time to have a look through the presentation, as well as the following clip [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fa4\\_hmKXPPU](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fa4_hmKXPPU), as these provide a range of information about what the residential has to offer, as well as some of the details around sleeping and eating arrangements.

As a school we are always looking to reflect and make improvements to what we have in place and for some time we have been keen to make changes to our residential trips. We felt that the Year 5 residential to Fairthorne Manor had become too similar to the Year 6 residential to PGL (mainly high rope adventurous activities). We have also been keen to develop stronger links between our residential trips and our curriculum. Stubbington Study Centre provides a great opportunity for us to make all of the relevant changes that we were looking for.

Below, you will find a link to a Google doc. that you will need to complete to secure your child's place on the residential. We also require a £10.00 deposit, which is payable via your child's SCOPAY account. We understand that you will need time to look at the information and have therefore put a deadline of Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March at 12pm to complete the form to confirm your child's place.

***Please confirm whether you would like your child to attend/not attend here:***  
<https://forms.gle/hMGGisZn6AUmDbF66>

If you have any questions then please contact the school office. Much nearer to the visit, there will be a meeting for parents and children to attend where we discuss all the finer details such as kit lists, spending money, etc. We hope that you are as excited as we are that we are able to offer this fantastic opportunity to our children.

Kind regards

**Mr Ryan O'Hearn**  
Headteacher