

## **Waterbeach Community Primary School**

## Learning - Laughter - Friendship

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Dear Parents and carers,

I am writing to you to tell you about next year's residential trip for our year 6 children.

We have provisionally booked the five-day visit to the Isle of Wight for 17<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> June 2024. We use a very experienced company called 'The Isle of Wight Experience' - they arrange transport and Island activities. However, places are limited and after 30<sup>th</sup> September we cannot add more children .We advise you to make a final decision before this date please. The price of the trip will include

- A coach, which will stay with us and take us everywhere we need to go, for the whole time we are away
- Ferry crossing costs
- All-inclusive board and lodgings at a dedicated hotel on the island
- Visits to at least two different locations every day that we are away all entrance fees included in the price The visits may include Osbourne house (Queen Victoria's retreat), Carisbrooke Castle, Robin Hill Country Park, walks and

games on the beach and a visit to a Donkey sanctuary. We will hopefully also take the children to see the Needles. The cost of the whole trip is £386.00 I understand that this is a lot of money, but it works out at just over £77.00 per day for all the above.

This trip is an optional extra to our curriculum and so we are unable to take any child without payment. I am writing this letter early to give all parents the chance to set up a payment plan should you wish to do so. I understand that this is a lot of money to ask for – but it is a very worthwhile trip and will give your child many opportunities, skills, and experiences. They will be away from home for four nights and, in my experience, this usually gives them a great deal of confidence in themselves. A very good start to their transition to secondary school. I believe that we should challenge our children and this trip will go a long way to developing their resilience for the future, as well as show them a part of the world that they may not visit again.

Children who qualify for Pupil Premium will have financial support for this trip. Please contact the office for details

A deposit of £50.00 is required to secure your child's place in the first instance by 14<sup>th</sup> July 2023; all other payments will be made throughout the year. Please just ask if you would like your child to attend but will find it difficult to pay the full amount at once.

Yours sincerely

Miss Jane Green Headteacher



