

Friday 12th January 2024

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Minstead Study Centre – Residential 2024

We are delighted to be able to announce we will be organising a residential visit to Minstead Study Centre run by Hampshire County Council for the Year 3 children in the **Summer term**. This visit normally happens in the first few weeks of September, however, following feedback from parents last year, we are going to be changing this so that the visit happens in the Summer term instead alongside our topic on The New Forest. This will mean the trip happens at a time when children are much more settled in their classes and familiar with their adults which we strongly believe will be better for their well-being.

The trip is a once in a lifetime opportunity, giving pupils the chance to live with their peers in this amazing Eco study centre in the heart of the New Forest whilst participating in a wide range of inspiring activities learning about our wonderful environment. Take a look at the website [Minstead Study Centre information for parents and children](#) to learn about the centre and what the children can expect to experience.

A meeting with more details of the trip will be held on **Monday 22nd January at 4.30pm**. The meeting will give parents a chance to hear more about the trip and ask any questions. We anticipate the meeting taking no longer than thirty minutes.

This trip is part of the national curriculum and therefore it is expected that all pupils will be attending, for both the day and night, unless they have had a discussion with Mrs Phillips by Friday 9th February.

Who?	Year 3 Children
Where?	Minstead Study Centre
When?	As yet, we are not sure which children will go on which days. This information will be available in the Summer Term. Group 1: 15th July - 17th July 2024 Group 2: 17th July - 19th July 2024
Why?	A unique outdoor learning experience where children can learn about sustainability and the environment whilst having the opportunity to develop their independence and get to know their new teams.
Transport information	Children will travel by coach. Specific timings to be confirmed nearer the time.
Payment	£190.66 - The cost of this trip is the cost to the school and no profit is made. A payment schedule is enclosed. We request that the <u>initial</u> payment for this trip (£38.66) be made online via Scopay by 1st March.
How to pay	
Clothing	Please see attached kit list. Children will not need to wear or take school uniform with them.
Consent	Formal consent will be requested later in the Spring term, however please confirm your child's attendance on the residential visit by clicking HERE .
Meals	All meals will be provided.

Yours faithfully,
Lower Junior Team

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'That they may have life; life in all its fullness' John 10:10



MINSTEAD KIT LIST

The children must have **one** item of luggage containing their clothing and other essentials. We recommend that all items are labelled with the child's name and school. A kit list can help children remember all their belongings at the end of the week.

Bedding

- All bedding is provided

Clothing

Much of the time will be spent outdoors so suitable clothing and footwear are essential.

- Wellington boots are essential, clearly named with thick socks
- Waterproofs - coat (essential) and trousers (strongly advised)
- Night clothes
- Slippers
- Several changes of underwear
- Several pairs of socks (some may get wet so extra needed)
- Thick jumpers/fleeces
- At least two pairs of long, old trousers (jeans are impractical as they provide no warmth when wet and are difficult to dry)
- T-shirts or long sleeved tops
- Trainers/outdoor shoes

Other essentials

- Labelled strong plastic bags for laundry and wet clothes
- Plastic bottle for drinks
- Sun hat and sun lotion (depending on the weather)
- Gloves, hat, scarf, extra sweaters in the cold months
- Wash bag (it is advised that children bring roll-on rather than aerosol deodorants as these can set off fire alarms)
- Towel
- Small day sack - suitable for carrying on a walk in the woods

Children may also wish to bring a reading book or puzzle book for quiet times. If they want to bring a camera this will be their responsibility but will need to be clearly named. They are **not** permitted to bring money, food, mobile phones or any other electronic equipment such as hairdryers, MP3 players, game boys etc.

Payment Schedule

£38.66 - Due by 1st March
£38.00 - Due by 29th March
£38.00 - Due by 26th April
£38.00 - Due by 24th May
£38.00 - Due by 28th June