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To the Families of Y6 pupils attending residential trip

Dear Families

Final Reminders: Isle of Wight

The time has nearly come to depart on the residential trip to the Isle of Wight. All those taking part are getting very excited!

Itinerary:

Monday 5 June 2017
7.30am: Pupils to arrive in school for departure and travel to the Isle of Wight
Visit to The Needles for a glass blowing session; chair lift and boat ride
Arrival at hotel; unpacking; dinner and beach walk
Tuesday 6 June 2017
Visit to Carisbrooke Castle including a workshop to discover how people lived and worked at the castle
Theatre Workshop at Shanklin Theatre
Evening theatre show at Shanklin Theatre
Wednesday 7 June 2017
Visit to Isle of Wight Zoo (Big Cats talk)
Afternoon of games and picnic on beach
Thursday 8 June 2017
Visit to Osborne House including a workshop to discover what life was like for the those in service at the house during the 1800s
Visit to Dinoisle including fossil hunt and Museum visit
Disco at the hotel
Friday 9 June 2017
Travel home. Approximate arrival home is 5pm/5.30pm. We will Groupcall if this is any different.

A few final points to note please.

1. Please follow the packing checklist (copy attached) to ensure your child has everything they need. Please remember to send your child in wearing their Leavers' sweatshirt.
2. Please do not send your child with a large suitcase as we will not be able to fit it on the coach. Cases/bags should be no bigger than 80cm/35cm/40cm (90 litres) please.
3. Please note that we include swimming costume/swimming shorts on the packing checklist simply because we have lots of beach walks during the trip and some children can get their clothes very wet! The pupils will not be allowed to swim in the water but may paddle. They will, of course, be fully supervised at all times.
4. Your child should not bring a mobile phone, iPod or any other electronic/electrical gadget with them. We will update the year group blog each evening so that you can see what the children have been doing and what fun they are having! If you would like to look at these photos, please ensure you are aware of your child's frontier log in. We do not allow any phone calls home simply for the reason that this can cause lots of distress and home sickness for the child. **If there is an emergency during the day, please call the school office and they will contact us. If there is an emergency during the night, please call the hotel.**
5. Pupils should not pack any snacks, sweets, treats, etc in their luggage. There is a strict no food/sweets policy in all bedrooms, plus there are other pupils with allergies who may be affected by these treats. The hotel provide plenty of food for the children so they won't be hungry, plus they may use their spending money on whatever they like so can buy a treat to eat in the daytime if they would like one.
6. Please make sure all clothes and money purses, wallets/money bags are marked with your child's name. They may bring up to £25 spending money (suggested £5 per day). We suggest they bring 2 named wallets/purses so that they can leave one at the hotel with the rest of their spending money in it so that they don't have the temptation of spending all their money at once and have none left to spend during the rest of the week! Some families find it useful to divide up the spending money into £5 amounts and put them in labelled, money bags for each day.
7. Please ensure pupils are at school on **Monday 5 June 2017** at **7.30am** for registration and check in for a prompt departure. The front gates will not be open before 7.30am and will be closed again by 7.45am. Please drop your Year 6 child to the hall for registration. If you need to bring siblings with you, please ensure they are fully supervised at all times. Gates open as usual for pupils in other year groups at 8.30am. Once all the Year 6 pupils have been registered, we will exit via the hall so you will have an opportunity to wave your child off. **It is important to note that if your child is not at school in time for departure, it will be necessary for us to leave in order to catch the ferry.**
8. We are expected home at approximately 5pm/5.30pm on Friday 9 June 2017 and are planning to return via Bishops Avenue. We will Groupcall text you if we are experiencing any delays. If your mobile phone number has recently changed, please ensure you inform the school office.

Yours sincerely

R Spriddle

Mr Spriddle
Deputy Headteacher (Acting)

K Roberts

Mrs Roberts
Deputy Headteacher (Acting)

PACKING CHECKLIST

1.	Suitcase or bag with name and address clearly marked. Please see overleaf for bag guidance – <u>it is very important to stick within these guidelines or the coach company reserve the right not to load any oversized bags.</u>	
2.	Casual daywear - e.g. jeans, t-shirts etc	
3.	Swimming costume/swimming shorts for beach walks	
4.	Underwear	
5.	Warm clothes for Fossil Hunting	
6.	Party clothes for disco on last evening (indoor shoes only)	
7.	Nightwear	
8.	Waterproof cagoule or coat	
9.	Hat/cap (for sunny weather)	
10.	2 pairs shoes/trainers suitable for walking plus a pair of beach “wet shoes” (these are readily available in sports shops and several supermarkets)	
11.	Slippers or indoor shoes (these are worn at all times in the hotel, including at the disco)	
12.	Towels (shower, hand towel and beach towel)	
13.	Toiletries (including sanitary towels)	
14.	Disposable camera (optional)	
15.	Suncream (marked with child’s name)	
16.	Water bottle (refillable)	
17.	Small rucksack/bag to carry packed lunch, purse etc each day	
18.	Cuddly toy	
19.	Travel clock (optional)	
Pupils will be given their Leavers’ Sweatshirts on the morning of departure		
Please provide your child with a packed lunch in a named, disposable bag for the outbound journey		
Children will only need money for souvenirs and sweets; therefore no more than £25 in £1 or £2 coins is necessary (in 2 named purses/wallets). It is a good idea to keep one named purse/wallet at the hotel and one can be taken out with them. This will mean they do not have to carry around all of their money.		
REMINDER: PLEASE DO NOT PACK ANY MOBILE PHONES, iPODs OR ANY OTHER ELECTRICAL/ELECTRONIC GADGET. FAMILIES WILL BE KEPT UP TO DATE WITH EVENTS VIA THE CLASS BLOG AND/OR GROUPOCALL TEXT		

PLEASE ENSURE ALL ITEMS ARE CLEARLY NAMED

GUIDANCE FROM AUSDEN CLARK COACH COMPANY

LUGGAGE ALLOWANCE

When preparing for travelling please bear in mind there is a limited amount of space for everyone's luggage, so to keep the coach you are travelling on to a legal weight limit for your own personal safety it is imperative that you adhere to the following luggage requirements when packing/selecting your travel carrier.

REQUIRED BAG SIZE – Rucksack / Holdall – 80cm x 35cm x 40cm or 90 litres

Failure to comply could result in refusal to carry

