

10th May, 2018

Dear Year 4 Parents and Carers,

Re. Year 5 School Journey to Dorset – 29th April to 3rd May, 2019

For the last three years, the Year 5 School Journey has taken place at an exciting activity centre based in Swanage, Dorset. Swanage is situated on the Jurassic coast, which is classed as an Unesco World Heritage Site, in one of the most beautiful parts of England. The company, 'Land and Wave', specialise in residential stays, and offer a range of exciting activities and adventure trips for children over eight. As the school journey for the past three years has been a great success, we are very happy to be returning there again next year.

Next spring, the Yr 5 residential trip is planned for the week of 29th April to 3rd May, 2019, and we are starting the process early so that parents have plenty of time to budget for the school journey next year, when Year 4 children are in Year 5.

Children will be staying at Harrow House, which is an excellent residential centre with a selection of room sizes, and great facilities, situated right in the heart of Swanage, just five minutes' walk from the beach. On offer at 'Land and Wave' is an amazing range of activities, such as swimming in the covered swimming pool, taking part in coastal orienteering and sea canoeing, learning bushcraft, and enjoying raft-building, crabbing, kayaking, archery, rock climbing and abseiling. There are organised events for the children in the evenings, after which we start the bedroom routine.

Health and Safety are clearly of paramount importance, and all safety equipment, such as helmets and wet suits, will be provided. Adult/pupil staff ratios vary according to activities and are responsive to individual pupil requirements. Throughout our stay, Hamlet staff will be working with the children alongside 'Land and Wave' instructors. A comprehensive risk assessment will be carried out by members of our staff beforehand.

The **total cost** of the visit, inclusive of accommodation, food, pocket money, coach travel and all activities, will be **£370.00** per head (nearly £20 less than last year). Although this represents excellent value, we are, nevertheless, all too aware that this is a substantial amount of money to raise, which is why we are starting the process so early. **We will need to receive the Permission Slip and a non-refundable deposit of £40.00 no later than 25th May, 2018. followed by 10 instalments of £33.00 on 20th June, 2018; 20th July, 2018; 20th August, 2018; 20th September, 2018; 20th October, 2018; 20th November, 2018; 20th December, 2018; 20th January, 2019; 20th February, 2019; and 20th March, 2019. Payments need to be made via ParentPay, on 'Yr 5 School Journey to Dorset 2019' by the dates given above. However, if you wish, you do have the option of paying in one go.**

There is one very important point that we would like to draw to your attention. Because we want every child to have the opportunity to go on the school journey, we will make every effort to help any family that needs a certain amount of financial assistance with paying the school journey fees because of various circumstances. **If you feel that your situation may entitle you to some assistance, please send in a written request, by e-mail, to: mmalecki1.210@lgflmail.org explaining your situation.**

This is extremely important, as it will not be possible to process applications which come in late.

Any information that you send us will be kept confidential.

We will be holding a School Journey Parents' Meeting, which we hope you will be able to attend, on Tuesday, 15th May from 5.30 to 6.30 p.m. to answer your questions and give you more information about the 'Land and Wave Centre'.

We do hope that all Year 5 pupils will be able to take advantage of the exciting and stimulating opportunities offered by a visit to 'Land and Wave' situated as it is in a beautiful part of the world. School journeys are not only great fun, but provide a completely different learning experience, with a chance to take part in an amazing range of activities, to socialise with children from other classes, and to develop a feeling of independence and self-confidence, in the week away from home.

In order for us to be able to make a booking with 'Land and Wave', we would be grateful if you could return the enclosed permission slip to the School Office as soon as possible, and pay a non-returnable deposit of £40.00 by 25th May, 2018.

Many thanks

Yours sincerely,

Nikki Thomson
Assistant Head and Leader of Wider Learning

PERMISSION SLIP FOR YEAR 5 SCHOOL JOURNEY 2019

Child's Name: _____ Class: _____

I give permission for my child to visit the 'Land and Wave' centre in Dorset
(www.dorsetadventure.com)

from Monday, 29th April to Friday, 3rd May 2019.

Signed: _____ (Parent/Carer) Date: _____