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Dear Parents / Carers,

Year 2 Residential Trip ~'Sleeping with Sharks' at the Plymouth Aquarium 21st/22nd March 2024

We are currently organising a residential experience for our Year 2 children which we are really excited about.

Proposed Itinerary:

21st March 2024

- Leave school and travel to Paignton Zoo – visit the zoo.
- Travel to Pizza Hut in Plymouth for tea.
- Arrive at the Plymouth Aquarium after public closing time. There are amazing activities planned by the Aquarium staff finding out facts about life in the oceans. The activities end at midnight with a film and popcorn in the big aquarium room where the children sleep.

22nd March 2024

- Breakfast is provided by the Aquarium.
- Activity TBC.
- Arrive back at school at approximately 1pm.

Educational trips out of school are valuable for the children's development and a residential experience is even more exciting, providing the children with their first experience of being away from their families overnight.

The cost of this residential will be approx. £90 per child. We are keen to keep the cost to you as low as possible to encourage as many children as possible to benefit from these fabulous experiences. We are able to take all 60 children, so if you would like your child to attend, there is a place for them.

Staff members within the year group will accompany the children to camp plus members of the senior leadership team.

If you are in receipt of benefits which means that your child is entitled to Free School Meals then this year we are able to offer you a 50% discount on all our residential trips. In order to be able to benefit from this discount you will be on Income Support, Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance (not contribution based), Income related Employment and Support Allowance (not contribution based), Child Tax Credit (CTC) with an annual income of no more than £16,190, Guarantee element of State Pension Credit, Support via part V1 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 (IAA). Please note that if you are in receipt of Working Tax Credit, you do NOT qualify even if your annual income is below £16,190. If you are uncertain if you qualify, then please go onto the Cornwall Council website and search for Free School Meals and apply [CLICK HERE](#)

So that we can confirm the exact price for you, if you would like your son/daughter to take part please complete the [google form](#) by Tuesday 31st October. On Wednesday 1st November a letter will be sent out confirming the trip and requesting a **non-refundable deposit** of £20. **If you would like your child to attend but are worried about affording the deposit, or the cost of the residential, please pop in and see me.**

We will give you a payment schedule to allow you to be able to spread the cost over 3 months. All balances must be paid 4 weeks before departure (Thursday 22nd Feb) as the school has to pay the fees in advance. Any withdrawals from this camp after the 8 week deadline will mean that no money is refundable. If you withdraw your child before Thursday 29th January you will receive a refund of your payments minus the non-refundable deposit.

We reserve the right not to take children should their behaviour in school give us cause for concern

I am sure that the children will have a fantastic time taking part in this amazing experience!

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "S Teagle". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'S'.

Ms S Teagle
Headteacher

Please note: The school does not purchase any insurance to refund money should a child be unable to attend camp at the last minute due to illness etc. Where possible places are filled by offering the opportunity to children on the waiting list, money (except non-refundable deposit) is refunded. However this is not always possible and parents may want to consider taking out their own insurance to protect against such circumstances.