**Mersea Residential trip – 16th September – 20th September 2019**

Please find below the final details for our trip to Mersea.

**Monday morning:**

The children need to arrive at school at normal time on Monday 16th September. All cases/sleeping bags/equipment etc. will be taken to the hall where they will be stored until our departure. All medicines are to be handed to Mrs Ford. The children will need a packed lunch for that day.

Until we leave the children will start to work together in the groups they will be assigned for the week. The coach will be leaving school between 10.30 and 11.00 am, arriving at Mersea approximately 11.45. After settling in, lunch will be eaten ready for the first activity at 2.00 pm.

The staff attending the trip will be: Mrs Ford, Mrs Wainwright, Mr Rosset, Mr Bates and Mrs Aldorino.

**Daily routine:**

7.30 – Get up, showered and dressed

8.15 – Breakfast

9.00 – Meeting – discuss group’s activities for morning

9.30 – 1st activity

11.00 – Juice break

11.15 – 2nd activity

1.00 – Lunch

1.45 – Meeting – discuss group’s activities for afternoon

2.00 – 3rd activity

3.30 – Juice break

3.45 – 4th activity

5.30 – Cabin inspection

6.00 – Dinner

7.30 – Evening activity

8.45 – Cocoa and biscuit time

9.00 - Shower and bed

9.30 – Silence!

The evening activities will include (depending on the weather): Cooking marshmallows, Treasure hunt, Team games and a Talent night.

**Kit list:**

Please see attached list.

**Children must not bring:**

No mobiles or electronic devices are to be brought on the trip to avoid loss or damage occurring. This is on the advice of Mersea outdoor centre as they cannot be held responsible if anything happens to the equipment. The children will be completing activities throughout the day only stopping for ten minute juice breaks so they will not have the opportunity to play games on devices. The staff will keep in contact with the school who will then pass on any messages through parent mail. Leaving mobiles at home is part of the experience as well as also ensuring nothing is lost or stolen.

Children do not need money as there is no shop on site. There is a vending machine but we have been reliably informed it consistently swallows the money and Mersea will not take responsibility for this. We have decided it would be better for us to take our own sweets/snacks to avoid disappointment. Please do not pack fizzy drinks as we have had several exploding incidents in the past, resulting in wet, sticky bags.

**Photographs:**

The children are more than welcome to bring a disposable camera with them although they will have sole responsibility for these. However photographs will be taken by the adult that has been assigned to the group each day and all photos will be put onto a disc when we return to school. On Thursday October 10th at 4.00pm, we will hold a parent’s evening to share our experiences with you, as the photographs will be on show. Year 5 parents and children will be invited to come along too in order for them to get a feel for their trip in September. We feel it will be a really good idea for the children to talk about their experiences, to reassure those children that are nervous about staying away from home for the first time.

**Forms to complete:**

The following forms need to be completed and returned by the dates below. Please find the medical form attached.

* Medical form to be completed by Friday 5th July in order for all relevant information to be passed onto Mersea.
* The children will be given a ‘choice of cabin friends’ form to fill in that must be completed and also handed in by Friday 5th July.