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<u>Beech Class Residential Trip 2022 – Stackpole Pembrokeshire</u> Monday 28th March 2022 until Thursday 31st March 2022

Dear Parents / Carers

Each year, with the exception of 2020 due to the pandemic, Neston Primary School has organised a Year 6 residential trip, with a focus on outdoor and adventurous activity. We strongly believe that residential education such as this has numerous benefits for our pupils.

Going on a residential trip develops independence by encouraging our pupils to step out of their comfort zone and embrace the world without their parents. For many children, these school trips are the first time that they are away from their family, which aids social development through creating stronger bonds with their peers and using initiative to problem solve.

Taking part in an adventure trip also improves confidence and self-esteem. Our Year 6 pupils overcome challenges and achieve things that they did not think possible. This gives them a large confidence boost that they can take into other areas of their life and learning. Many of our children come into their own in an outdoor setting. In 2008 an Ofsted report concluded that taking students out of the classroom and into a more interactive environment was an excellent way to engage those children who find aspects of academic work challenging.

The unique locations that we visit provide opportunities that we cannot replicate here at Neston. The children are led by and taught skills by experienced and inspirational staff who are experts in their fields. The memories of these trips, with their focus on confidence building, outdoor pursuits and team bonding, are often among the primary school highlights of our pupils.

Due to the pandemic, booking a residential has been more difficult than previous years and we are aware that this is short notice and apologise for the delay in getting this information to you. With all of this in mind, we are very pleased to announce that we have managed to book a residential trip for Beech Class from Monday 28th March 2022 until Thursday 31st March 2022.

We will be staying at Stackpole Residential Centre in Pembrokeshire, south Wales. <u>National Trust Stackpole Centre | Visit Pembrokeshire</u>. This time our activities will be provided by Outer Reef, as the Stackpole Centre no longer offer the activity provision. Outer Reef have been running in Pembrokeshire for the last 22 years providing activities for schools in Pembrokeshire and children's clubs, as well as working with Disability Sport Wales. They have four activity bases in Pembrokeshire, which now also













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include Stackpole Centre. We are working closely with Outer Reef to provide an activity programme with a focus on team work, developing independence and self-confidence and applying problem-solving skills.

The full cost of the residential will be £297.40, which will include transport, activities, food and accommodation. If this is likely to be a problem, please do not hesitate to contact us at admin@neston.wilts.sch.uk. Ideally, we would like everyone to take part in the visit. However, if we do not have sufficient numbers we will not be able to go ahead with the trip

The trip is set up to be paid for via your ParentPay account. Partial payments can be made and a reducing balance will be shown. A suggested payment plan would be paid over 4 monthly instalments due on the dates below, the payment will include a £60 **non-refundable deposit**, £30 to be paid in the first instalment and £30 as part of the second instalment.

- 1st Payment £30.00 due Wednesday 15th December 2021
- 2nd Payment £89.12 due Friday 28th January 2022
- 3rd Payment £89.14 due Friday 25th February 2022
- 4th Payment £89.14 due Friday 25th March 2022

We will be holding a short meeting in the new year, this may be in person or online depending on the circumstances to tell you about the visit and answer any questions. We will confirm a meeting date and time in due course.

Kind Regards

Ms Sims, Mrs Graham and Mrs Phillips









