



Dear Families

29th November 2022

Re Year 6 Residential

Thank you for bearing with us whilst we prepare the details of the Year 6 Residential, I know there are many questions around this.

Residential:

The residential experience is a '*rite of passage*' for many children, and often their first experience away from home. For Year 6, the Covid years have meant many missed opportunities including trips and residentials. Although I cannot make up for lost time, it is my hope that we can give them a year to remember.

We have previously shared our hopes to take the children on a 3-day residential trip to London. Sadly, the escalating costs have dramatically affected the cost of this trip, making it unviable. Despite having considered a range of transport and accommodation options, the costs were simply too high and would have impacted the activities we could take part in whilst in London. I can only apologise for this. I know that this will come as a huge disappointment to children and families.

Reflecting on the opportunities the children have missed already, we have sought an alternative that I hope they will enjoy and can now confirm the following:

Pinkery 26th-28th June 2023

We have confirmed a 3 day-residential to the Pinkery Site on Exmoor.

Children can expect:

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| Stream exploring | Team building | Low ropes | Nightwalk |
| Reed rafts | Archery | Wild play | Campfire |
| Mountain boarding | Rock climbing | Pinkery pond | And mud, plenty of mud! |

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We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and all staff share this commitment. If you have a concern about the welfare or safety of child please speak directly to Mrs Constanza (DSL) or Miss Lintern (DDSL).

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Parent information evening

We will host an information evening in the weeks leading up to the residential trip.
Date to follow

London Trip:

Date: 29th March 2022

In addition to the Summer residential, we have arranged a day trip to The Tower of London. This trip will launch our 'Crime and Punishment' topic ready for the Summer term.

Subject: **History**

Topics: **Crime and Punishment**

As one of the world's most infamous prisons, the Tower of London has seen many people locked within the fortress walls. But who exactly was imprisoned here? And what conditions did they live in?

In this session, children will put themselves into a prisoner's shoes. A costumed presenter will recount exciting stories from the Tower's dark history, whilst exploring some of the historic spaces originally used to hold prisoners.

Learning objectives

Children will:

- Increase their knowledge of the Tower of London as a prison.
- Come to understand the role of a state prison in the past and how this compares to prisons today.
- Appreciate the reality of historical events studied in the classroom by placing them within the context of where the events took place.
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National Curriculum links

This session supports:

- An extended period study, e.g. Crime and Punishment.
- Significant turning points in British history.

Mrs Brogden, Mrs Darby and myself, are looking forward to sharing these experiences with the children. If you have registered as a volunteer and would be interested in helping with either of these trips, please contact Mrs Dunford in the

Yours sincerely,



Laura Constanza
Head Teacher