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Dear Parents

RE: CALSHOT 14 – 18 SEPTEMBER 2015

Here are the final details for the Calshot visit this September.

Calshot is situated on the shores of the Solent. General details are available in the information brochure previously provided, a copy of which is attached, and also on their website: <http://www3.hants.gov.uk/calshot>

Mrs Black, Ms Withell, Miss Bruce and Mrs Milne will be accompanying the children on the trip. Children are not permitted mobile phones, however, staff will phone the school office with regular updates. We would like to be able to offer all children the enjoyment and comfort of a short note from home on one of the evenings. Please ensure you hand your letter (in a sealed envelope addressed to your child) to a member of staff on the morning of departure. These will be given out to all children at an appropriate point so as to avoid any potential bedtime home sickness.

In an emergency, out of school hours, Sue Ellis will be contactable on her mobile – 07590 263841. Sue will then contact Mrs Black and Mrs Searle if necessary.

Activities

The anticipated activities include skiing, forest orienteering, climbing, archery, trawling, high ropes, kayaking, sailing and evening events.

Packing

Please see the Calshot packing list in the Calshot brochure previously supplied. The children will be participating in activities from each category listed so please pack accordingly. Long sleeved t-shirts are essential for several of the activities. If the children get hot and remove sweatshirts, they will need long sleeved t-shirts underneath in order to participate. Please provide gloves to avoid ski matting burns, wellington boots, an extra towel and a pair of old trainers that can get wet, in addition to regular trainers. If your child has their own waterproofs please pack them, however there are some on site if needed.

Please note that all bedding and pillows are provided.

Travel Sickness

Please make sure that if travel sickness tablets are required that they are taken before the journey and some are handed to the office on the morning of travel, to be packed for the return journey.

Sweets

Sweets are permitted for the journey however not within the living accommodation. We ask that your child's supply is of the appropriate size for personal eating only. We encourage no sharing of sweets due to allergies and intolerances and we thank you for supporting this. Any uneaten items will be collected on arrival and returned to your child for the homeward journey.

Luggage

Please ensure that appropriate clothes are packed and labelled so there is less chance of clothing going astray. All luggage must be clearly labelled.

Pocket Money

There is a souvenir shop at Calshot and so, if you wish, children may bring some pocket money. We recommend a maximum of £10. The shop will be visited towards the end of the week.

Pocket Money must be in a named wallet/purse and must be in change e.g. £1 coins, 50p coins and 20p coins – please do not send notes, as there will be difficulties with change etc. Please hand to Mrs Black on Monday morning.

Medicines

All medicines, including asthma pumps must be placed in a plastic bag and must be clearly labelled with the child's name and instructions and handed to the office on Monday morning.

Departure/Return

Children must be in school by 8.00am on Monday morning. We hope to leave around 8.30am and we anticipate that they will arrive back at approximately 4.00pm on Friday. We will use the texting system for confirmation of arrival and any significant delays on the return.

Ipods/cameras,etc

Please do not allow your child to take iPods, MP3 players, PSPs, Ninento DSs or expensive cameras as it may cause distress if they are misplaced. We recommend the use of disposable cameras, clearly marked with your child's name, but all cameras will be the sole responsibility of the children. The staff will take 200 – 300 digital photos which the children will have access to.

Please note there may be a disco or film night on the final evening if children wish to bring additional clothes.

Dentistry

Please note that this is an activity holiday and, as dentistry is often not provided by the NHS, you may wish to take out private dental insurance which covers against any accidental damage to teeth. For your information, RBWM's offsite activity policy covers the costs incurred for treatment due to injury resulting from an accident damaging the teeth up to £1000.

Outstanding payments

Any outstanding amounts should be settled prior to the visit.

If you have any queries please see the office staff.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Kate Searle
Headteacher