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'Growing thoughtful learners and independent thinkers'

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Year 6 Residential: September 2024 - dates TBC

Dear Year 5 parents and carers,

We are preparing for the children's Year 6 experiences and their residential, which will take place in the autumn term next year as an exciting and unifying start to the year ahead. We have chosen to continue to use Mill on the Brue activity centre in Somerset for the residential.

The centre

Mill on the Brue is an award-winning outdoor activity centre, founded in 1982, family run, not-for-profit educational organisation. It is situated in its own 25 acres of fields, woods and river valley, just outside the little town of Bruton. As well as being an outdoor activity centre, offering a full range of outdoor pursuits, the centre prides itself for their strong environmental emphasis. This includes conservation, recycling and re-using, food waste management, environmental buildings, alternative energy (geothermal, solar and wind), organic horticulture, and raising awareness of nature and the seasons.

The centre can offer us a bespoke timetable of events, including outdoor pursuits, such as: canoeing, archery, high ropes and zip lines as well team building activities and environmental activities, such as: local town studies, river studies, apple pressing, pizza ovens, garden to table and animal feeding and welfare. You can find out more from their website: <https://www.millonthebrue.co.uk/>

Price

We will be holding a meeting after school with further information about the residential, but the total payment of the week-long trip will be in the region of **£450 per child**. This is based on all 60 children attending and so this number might change if numbers change significantly. After the initial responses we will be able to give a clearer picture of the numbers of children who intend on attending and so the final price.

Accommodation

In the meantime, in order to make the provisional booking we would like to know from the children, and you as parents, if you would like the children to have accommodation in buildings or on the campsite.

We camped this year and it was hugely successful with many advantages such as: private space for the children to play (including swings), large and sturdy tents on wooden platforms with camp beds, roll mats and extra blankets, a fire circle for sole use of our school.

However, we do appreciate worries from children and parents who chose not to attend this year due to the camping element and want to ensure that any decisions that we are making for this cohort will ensure that the majority of children will want to attend and are in their best interests.

We would appreciate it if you were able to fill out this short google survey to indicate if you would your your child to attend the residential and if they/ you would prefer camping or building accommodation.

<https://forms.gle/24P2vTr3knr6oVGA>

Kind regards,
Mr Todd and Mrs Galpin

