The Coastal Federation

Bacton Primary, Mundesley Infant (SRB) and Junior Schools

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Dear Federation Parents,

Revised Residential Experiences

As a staff team across both MIJS and Bacton we have been rethinking our residential visits offered to the children. The main rationale was to further children's experiences during their time at primary school and to enable our oldest children (Year 6) to travel a bit further afield and for an extended period of time, more commensurate with their age. This is very much in-line with what most Year 6 children do across the county.

We are hoping to offer Year 2 (in their individual schools) a chance to sleep overnight at school during the summer term with an evening full of fun activities, with perhaps a fish and chip supper and then sleeping bags at the ready! We will also provide breakfast. We hope this will give the Years 2's a chance to increase their independence in a safe and familiar environment.

This year we are intending to offer <u>Bruce Grove</u> (the school in London that we have been exchanging with for 12 years) to Years 5 and 6. This will allow all children currently 'in the system' to experience this fantastic opportunity. From then on it will be a Year 5 experience. We have organised a couple of short meetings for those who are unfamiliar with this wonderful visit. A letter will be issued soon.

We are planning to take Year 6 from both schools to the Isle of Wight - a very popular destination for many schools, with a long established company called <u>'The Isle of Wight Experience'</u> The cost of the visit will be around £280 for the whole week, which will include the cost of the coach and ferry crossing. We feel this represents really good value for money considering that most weeks-away cost between £300 and £400. We will be organising a meeting soon, to tell you a little more about it.

Proposed Residential Cycle

| Year Group | 2017/18 | | 2018/19 | |
|---------------|--|--|---|--|
| 2 | MIS activity and sleepover at school | | MIS and Bacton activity and sleepover at individual Schools | |
| 3 | Bacton Hilltop (2 nights) | | Bacton and MJS Hilltop (2 nights) | |
| 4 | Bacton Hilltop | | | |
| 5 | Bacton Holt Hall | Bacton and MJS - Bruce Grove - May/June | | Bacton and MJS - Bruce Grove May/June |
| 6 | MJS - How Hill (October) Bacton Holt Hall | Bacton and MJS - Bruce Grove -May/June | Bacton and MJS Isle of Wight Residential June | |

Approximate Costs

Yr 2 - 'at' school overnight stay - in school halls - £5.00 contribution to food

Yr 3 - Hilltop (2 nights) £160 including coach

Yr 5 Bruce Grove (1 night) £25.00

Year 6 Residential to Isle of Wight £280

We are really excited to be offering a comprehensive range of residential experiences alongside our termly visits to other local attractions, related to the children's topic or theme e.g. Tide and Time Museum, Sainsbury's Centre etc. We are also acutely aware of the cost of these visits and want to reassure you of our commitment to supporting this both in regard to subsidising the travel element of the visits and the funding of 50% of the total cost for those children who are registered <u>'Pupil Premium'</u>. We also offer payment plans to help spread the cost of the visits.

If you have any questions or comments related to this, then please do not hesitate to contact the school office who can direct your contact.

Regards

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