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Dear Parents/Carers

We have booked a three day residential trip for our Year 5 and 6 children from Monday 25th June – Wednesday 27th June 2018. They will be visiting New Barn Field Centre, Bradford Peverell in Dorset, a residential centre which has been awarded the Quality Badge by the Council of Outdoor Learning. It provides a safe and secure environment set in the middle of its own nature reserve.

A residential visit of this kind not only introduces children to a variety of activities they might not otherwise have a chance to participate in, but also broadens their social skills. The trip will include Survival wilderness and bush craft skills, Shelter building, Fire lighting, Dutch Arrows, Trangia Cooking, Viking pottery, 'Bugfest' creature talk (www.bugfest.com), evening BBQ then a late night guided walk in the living History Village (optional ghost stories), meet the animals tour, guided tour of Dorchester's Maumbury Rings and Roman Town House, a trip to Studland Bay for a guided tour of the sand dunes then access to the beach and sea. As you can see, we have a very busy itinerary!

The accommodation is in small dormitories within an 18th Century Barn, equipped with bunk beds, single beds, common room and bathrooms. Miss Priestley, Mrs Sullivan and Mr Pete Banks will be attending providing an adult/child ratio of approximately 1:4 or less. There is a wide range of food choices and menus will be given out for you and your child to choose breakfast, packed lunch, evening meal and BBQ food choices.

On Monday 19th March at there will be a presentation in the hall at 3.30pm from the staff at New Barn Field Centre. This will be an opportunity for you to meet the Rangers, watch a power point about the centre, ask any questions and receive a full itinerary and kit list. The cost of the trip is £128, which includes transport, activities, food and accommodation. We need a deposit of £20 by Monday 26th March to secure your child's place and the balance can either be paid in three instalments of £36 or one payment of £108 by Monday 11 June 2018. Please contact Miss Priestley without delay if you feel that you may encounter problems in funding this activity.

More information about the centre can be found on the New Barn Field Centre website <http://www.newbarn.co.uk>

Kind regards

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Head Teacher

