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Dear Parents

7th December 2016

Year Four Residential trip to The Springhead Trust 3rd – 5th May 2017



We are delighted to offer a residential trip for our Year Four pupils to The Springhead Trust, Fontmell Magna, near Shaftesbury. The visit will involve environmental walks, pond dipping, nature hunts and generally enjoying the outdoors.

Mrs Fearn will hold a **short presentation** with information about the visit for parents and children in the new year. The session should last no more than about 20 minutes and there will be useful information about the two night residential. (Date to follow)

We will be combining our trip to The Springhead Trust with our Science topic, habitats. This will be the sixth year we have visited this centre and feel that it provides an exciting, energetic and fun-filled educational experience for the children at great value for money. Full board is included in dormitory accommodation. The children will be transported there and back by coach which will be fitted with seat belts.

The cost will be **£82 per child** inclusive of food and travel (you will be asked to provide a packed lunch for the first day). A **deposit of £10** will be needed by **13th January** please, with the full amount payable by **28th April 2017**. There will be three monthly instalments to pay - Mrs Hartnup will issue payment cards after the deposit has been received.

An information pack will be given out nearer the time, but if you require further information, please do not hesitate to speak to the school office. These visits are an important part of the children's learning experience and are thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Help with the cost of the accommodation is available to those families who are eligible for Free School Meals. Evidence of eligibility will be required and if you wish to apply for this help, you should contact the school office by no later than **Monday 9th January**. Anyone not in receipt of any qualifying benefit, but wishing to apply for help should also register with the school office by this date.

Please complete the reply slip attached and return it to school by 13th January. Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Paula Fearn
Head Teacher



Year Four Residential Visit to The Springhead Trust - May 2017

I give permission for my child to take part in the visit to The Springhead Trust from 3rd – 5th May 2017.

I understand that this trip will cost £82 in total.

I enclose a deposit of £10.

(Please enquire at the school office if you need financial help towards the cost of the trip)

Signed
(Parent/Guardian)

Date