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Dear Parents/Guardians

Year 6 Calshot Activity Centre Tuesday 28th January – Friday 31st January 2025

Calshot Activity Centre, situated just outside of Southampton, offers a wide range of exciting and adventurous activities for all ages and abilities. Facilities include an indoor velodrome, a superb climbing wall and a dry ski slope. Accommodation is across two or three blocks and children will be sleeping in rooms of between 3 and 9 children. Every effort is made to ensure your child is accommodated with at least one friend. Teachers and school staff sleep in rooms that are in close proximity to the children's rooms. High ratios of staff supervision will be maintained at all times. The accommodation is fully catered with an excellent menu for the children to choose from.

The safety of the children is the top priority for teachers and centre staff, with all activities being fully risk assessed. The buildings are secure and compliant with Hampshire's stringent guidelines.

The trip provides wonderful opportunities for the children to develop their physical skills and to enhance their social skills, working as part of a team, developing independence and taking responsibility for personal organisation. The timing of the residential enables teachers to explicitly teach skills and develop attributes such as resilience, perseverance and teamwork, all of which will be critical for the children to make the most of their SATs and transition to secondary school later in the year.

The exact itinerary of activities is yet to be finalised but will likely include:

- Climbing wall activities
- Skiing
- Velodrome cycling (bicycles provided)
- Ringo slide
- High ropes
- Trapeze swing

The exact details of the trip will be confirmed and shared with you during the Autumn term, but do take a look at the Calshot Activity Centre [website](#) to find out more about the activities on offer. Our current Year 6 children have recently returned from Calshot and their photos can also be viewed on the school [website](#). Here is what some of the children had to say about the trip:

“I really loved all the activities. The instructors made it so fun! I got to try so many new things like skiing, which I’d never done before.”

“I loved climbing because you had to trust your friends to support you on the ropes to get up and down safely.”

“Two sessions of skiing was great. You were able to persevere and have another go to get even better.”

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Following on from the email sent on **16th November 2023** allowing families sufficient time to plan for the financial commitment, I am writing to confirm the price for the trip which will be **£330.00**. The price on arbor will still show as £350.00 and will be amended in the new academic year to £330.00

This includes a full programme of activities, full board, accommodation and coach transport to and from the centre. Schools are not permitted to make a profit from school trips.

To secure your child's place, we require **£50.00 deposit by Saturday 1st June 2024.**
Full payment needs to be made by Friday 1st November 2024.

We appreciate that this is a considerable amount of money to pay. For families experiencing genuine hardship we are able to consider a reduction in cost.

To secure your child's place, a £50.00 deposit needs to be paid by Saturday 1st June. The remaining balance of £280.00 is to be paid by Friday 1st November 2024. This may appear early, however the centre requires full payment 12 weeks before our scheduled trip.

If you would prefer your child not to attend this trip, can I please ask that you email Mrs Astbury l.astbury@locksheath-jun.hants.sch.uk. For children not attending, a school-based timetable of residential style activities will be offered. This will include some off-site visits that may require a parental contribution to cover the cost of the activities and travel.

A copy of Hampshire's Insurance in relation to school trips and visits is available on our school website. I would urge you to read this carefully, as there are certain circumstances in which an insurance claim will be subject to an excess payment of £50.00 for which parents will be liable.

If you have any immediate queries or questions about this residential trip, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards



Mrs Clarke
Deputy Headteacher