



Wednesday 19th September 2018

Dear Parents

We wished to confirm that we have now secured our place at Brownsea Island for **Wednesday 24th April until Friday 26th April 2019**. Year 3 and 4 are able to attend this trip. We have yet to put all the final details into place, with the trip still being some way off but the provisional booking is as follows:

Depart on the Wednesday morning, from school at around 09:30. Arrive in Poole (journey is approx. 2.5hrs) and have lunch. Catch the ferry over to the Island (20min journey). Be greeted by the National Trust staff and transfer belongings to the Lodge where we will be staying. This is a beautiful building (see above) which is hostel like inside with a kitchen, games room and five large dorms. We will be cooking all our own meals and cleaning up, all of which will be part of the children's learning experience and one that they will be very much involved in (including the planning/budgeting prior to us going away). In the evening, we will play games and the children will then retire to their dorms.

Thursday will see two or three activities take place with a campfire in the evening. Brownsea offers a wide range of nature based activities, as there is such a diverse eco system on the island from the beach through to the forest, alongside heathland. They also offer other skills to be learnt, such as den building, scavenger hunts, archery and specialist talks. We are currently waiting for November, when we can finalise these with the NT.

Friday – we will pack up and complete activities, ferry and then coach back to school for home time at 3:15pm.

I am sure you will agree this is a great opportunity, a 'taster session' for children to experience a residential. We are staying on a beautiful island with no traffic. Having spent the past weekend completing the risk assessment, I felt that I was in a little 'time warp' which had reverted back to life without 'wifi, gadgets or tv' . . . it really is a heavenly place to be staying. Much wildlife such as red squirrels, deer, peacocks and seals were all around and then falling to sleep listening to nightingales. . . . there is so much for us to get out of this trip with the children. Work will be completed after the trip within class. We have organised the trip so that it falls directly after the Easter holiday and completes on a Friday, so that they can rest and recover over the weekend. For the webpage please follow:

<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/brownsea-island>

The cost of the trip is currently being confirmed. It is looking at approx. £150 – if you wish to start paying small monthly amounts towards this, rather than the whole amount in March then please see Sue in the office. Once we have the final costings we will let you know. We propose a meeting with all the final information, what they need to pack, nearer the time – **23rd January at 3:15pm**. If however you have questions before this, please do come and speak with myself and I can find the answers for you.

Best Regards

Miss Lindsay



Headteacher Miss Emma Lindsay

