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18th October 2022

France Residential Visit February 2024

Dear Parents,

We are most excited to be able to offer our current Year 4/Year 5 children the opportunity to take part in a residential trip to France next academic year, when they are in Year 5/Year 6. Pre-covid, we had very successful trips to France in 2017 and 2019 and as things return to normal, we would love them to have the chance to practise their language skills in a real French environment.

We have provisionally booked our trip with an experienced school tour operator called Manor Adventure who are based in Church Stretton. This is the same company who arranged our previous visits and we were impressed by their expertise and professionalism. We will be travelling to France by coach, crossing via the Channel Tunnel and we will stay at Château de Warsy, a beautiful château just two hours from Calais. From there we will undertake several activities and excursions, all designed to give the children a taste of life in France and an opportunity to communicate in French with native French speakers.

We will leave school on Monday 5th February 2024 and return on Friday 9th February 2024. The cost of the four night trip is £445. This is exceptionally good value as it includes all travel expenses from school to the château, accommodation, all meals and all the excursions we have selected. It also includes the services of the château instructors who will support our own teaching staff in ensuring that the children are very well looked after, as well as helping them to have fun! The deposits required for this visit are more substantial than our usual residential trips. These deposits are specified by Manor Adventure and are necessary to cover any costs incurred by cancellation.

Next week, at **5.30pm** on **Tuesday 18th October**, Manor Adventure will hold a Zoom meeting for parents to ask any questions you may have and to give you more details of the itinerary we have arranged. In the meantime, please feel free to talk to us about the visit. The trip may seem awfully far in advance, although given the cost of living crisis we currently face, we wanted to give plenty of notice to ensure more time to collect the necessary funds.

We will be asking for deposits in the days following the meeting. We are offering this residential trip to two year groups, the pupils who will be in Years 5 and 6 at the time of the visit. We are limited to 46 pupils for this visit so we will be booking places on a first come, first served basis.

The initial deposit of £100.00 is required by Friday 28th October. A second payment of £50.00 is required by Friday 20th January 2023 and the balance will need to be paid in full by Thursday 30th November 2023. Payment for this visit is voluntary, however, the visit will not proceed if insufficient funds are received. In the meantime, if you have any queries, please feel free to speak to us.

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Key Dates: 18.10.22 - Parents' meeting on Zoom 28.10.22 - £100.00 deposit deadline 20.1.23 - £50.00 second instalment deadline 28.02.23 -30.11.23 10 x £29.50 monthly instalments 12.2.24 - 16.02.2024 - Date of visit

Yours Faithfully,

T. Hinkley

Headteacher