



# Nightingale Primary School

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## Minstead Residential

Dear Parents,

Following the success of last year's trip to Minstead, we are pleased to confirm that our Year 4 classes will have the opportunity to attend a short residential at the Minstead Study Centre.

We have been lucky to secure this amazing trip for July 2024 where the children will attend on the week beginning 8<sup>th</sup> July 2024. Each of the classes will spend two nights at the study centre:

Kite Class: 8th-10th July 2024

Owl Class: 10th-12th July 2024

This trip not only links directly to the learning that the children will be undertaking in class for their Geography topic, it will also be a great opportunity for them to develop their teamwork skills and become more responsible and independent.

During their visit, the children will get the opportunity to learn and discover about the following:

- Rivers, landscape and the water cycle. Children explore the water cycle, investigate river geography in nearby streams and explore aquatic life.
- Nature connection. A range of mindful activities using all the senses, enabling children to explore and connect with the natural world.
- Ancient History. Investigate how ancient people might use the landscape, make miniature roundhouses, colour wool using natural dyes and use fire!
- Marvellous maps. Learn to use simple maps, and complete Orienteering exercises around the 5-acre grounds. Make maps using natural and found materials and investigate 'other' maps.
- Habitats. Explore life in and around a variety of local habitats - heath, woodland, meadow and stream. Investigate food chains, life cycles and adaptation.
- Environmental Art. Make clay models, natural frames, land art, giant group art and explore the world from different viewpoints. National Park explorers.
- Hike into the wild open spaces of the New Forest. Learn about the unique landscape, history and wildlife, and make miniature National Parks.

- Meet the animals. Visit our sheep and chickens and learn about animal welfare, farming products and processes, and how these creatures are adapted to their environments
- Minstead Study Centre is based around seven values linked to the environment and planet earth. Activities are based around these core values and children will earn beads as they find out about different animals.

We will be holding an information evening on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January from 3:30pm where you will have an opportunity to ask any questions you might have. Further details regarding this information evening will follow.

A detailed list of appropriate clothing and footwear along with any additional information will be provided nearer the time.

We would like every child to participate in this wonderful experience and although we are asking for a payment of £177.50 per child, we have broken this down into manageable amounts, across the year, as detailed in the payment plan.

<b>Increment</b>	<b>Incremental Amount Due</b>	<b>Total Amount To Date</b>	<b>To reach us no later than</b>
01 - Deposit	£50.00	£50.00	01 Jan 2024
02	£27.50	£77.50	01 Feb 2024
03	£25.00	£102.50	01 Mar 2024
04	£25.00	£127.50	01 Apr 2024
05	£25.00	£152.50	01 May 2024
06	£25.00	£177.50	01 Jun 2024

You can make payments and view your current balance by logging on to your [Scopay](#) account. If you are not already registered for Scopay, please click [here](#) to request an online access code which will be emailed directly to you.

To register your child for this trip please complete the google form which you can find [here](#).

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Sutcliffe & Miss Barnes