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Junior School Headmistress: Mrs. J.Jenner B.Ed Hons.

Geography field trip **to the Camel Estuary**

Dear Parents,

I am organising a camping trip for forms: MVA & MVB to the Camel estuary. The purpose of the trip is two fold:

1. To undertake some primary research for Geography; investigating the methods of encouraging tourism in the area, how the Camel trail forms part of this, How Padstow is coping with the decline in the fishing industry & what the town is doing to replace this industry.
2. Team building exercise. It is important at the beginning of a new year to get the class working together as a team, involving new pupils is this group.

Date:

Tuesday 14th September to Wednesday 15th September

Cost:

£10 per head

Team exercise

Pupils will need to organise themselves into groups of 2,3 or 4. They will then need to organise, producing a plan (for me) for the following.

1. Tent/s
2. Food for the 2 days (detailed menu required, including snacks & receipts)
There will be a prize for the team who produces the most balanced diet for the 2 days at the cheapest price. (remember to think about preservation of foods, no fridge!)
3. Cooking & eating utensils
4. Clothing (detailed list required).
5. Method of carrying food/drink on cycle & walking trip

Accommodation

Camping at 'Dennis Cove' camping club registered site, on the outskirts of Padstow & actually adjoining the camel trail. The campsite has access to its own beach 50m away from the field as well as an outside swimming pool & normal camping facilities.

Pupils will need to organise their own tents.

Food:

Pupils need to provide all their own food for: Tuesday: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner & Tea & Wednesday: Breakfast & Lunch (including any snacks they require). Plus the means to cook, eat & clean their utensils.

Programme

- Leave school at 07.00 on Tuesday morning.
- Tuesday will be spent setting up camp & then cycling the length of the camel trail, from the coast at Padstow to Bodmin Moor 17 miles away. Along this trip pupils will be taking note of how the railway line has been developed for the tourist trade, what ancillary businesses have developed as a result of this use & what problems are encountered by maintaining this railway line as a cycle track.
- Tuesday evening we will look at the Camel estuary, some of its geographical properties, including why it is so important for bird life & if the pupils are brave enough to take a swim in the chilly water they can.
- Wednesday we will be: looking at the fishing industry in Padstow, then taking the ferry across to Rock & walking along the coast to the headland, looking at the ancient fort along the way. Pupils will be looking at Polzeath & comparing this to Padstow.
- We will leave Padstow in time to return to school at 15.30, so students can be picked up to return home at the end of the normal school day on Wednesday.

Bicycles

Pupils will need a bicycle, they have two options:

1. Take their own in the trailer behind the school minibus. The trailer does not have a special cycle rack & so scratches are very possible (an investment in several water insulation wraps would avoid most of these).
2. Hire a cycle at Padstow for £5.00

Clothing

There is no specialist clothing required. Pupils must draw up a list of what they think they need for the trip & submit it to me.

Deadline

Confirmation & consent forms to me by Monday 6th September.
Team plans submitted to me by Friday 10th September 09.00hrs

This will provide an exciting challenge for the students at the beginning of the new school year.

Yours sincerely

John Jenner B.Ed. Hons. Adv. Dip. (I.T.)

**Places are limited to
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One minibus.**

----- please return slip by Monday 6th September -----

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Pupils Name:

Cheque enclosed for: £ (£10 per pupil)