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'Placing learning at the heart of everything we do'

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Dear Parents

We are really hoping to be able to get back to normal again and have gone ahead with booking lots of exciting trips and experiences for the children this coming school year.

I'm sure you are already aware of the importance of great educational experiences, school trips and educational visitors in your child's learning and this is something we have always placed great importance on at Priestley. The trips and visitors provide powerful, positive experiences that help enhance the personal, social and emotional development alongside providing unique opportunities for kinaesthetic learning ie 'learning by doing' and encouraging children to engage with people, places and buildings in new and different ways.

With this in mind we have looked at the curriculum for the forthcoming year and planned in some fantastic experiences that will greatly enhance the children's learning.

Yr 5/6	Avocet, Curlew & Mallard Classes		
Term 1 Topic	Beast Creator	Tuesday 14 th September	Jonathan Jungle
Term 2 Topic	Peasants, Princes and Pestilence	Monday 15 th November	Chepstow Castle
Term 3 Topic	Stargazer	w/c 24 th January	We the Curious
Term 4 Topic	A Child's War	Thursday 17 th March	WWI Workshop
Term 5 Topic	Time Traveller	Monday 9 th May	Fresh Water theatre
Term 6 Topic	ID	w/c 20 th June	Police

After discussions with Priestley Parents' Forum around the difficulties of budgeting for these fantastic experiences, we have booked them all in advance in order to be able to give you both plenty of notice of forthcoming trips, as well as being able to calculate a total cost and average out the amount across the year so no one term is any more expensive than another. Therefore, we will be requesting a contribution of **£7.50 each term for Avocet, Curlew and Mallard Classes**, which can be paid through Parent Pay. (The first term's amount will appear on your account, w/c: 06.09.2021).

Please remember that this calculation takes into account the ever-increasing coach costs, entrance fees and additional educational workshops. I do, however, need to state at this point, should there be insufficient contributions received, a trip or experience may unfortunately not go ahead.

During the year other opportunities may arise such as Residential Trips or Theatre Trips for instance. Please be aware that these additional opportunities will be voluntary and will incur an added cost, should you wish your child to participate in the experience. This is a trial that we hope will allow the children to continue to enjoy a wealth of fantastic learning opportunities, that will also create a bank of happy memories that they can take with them into adulthood.

I thank you in advance for your continued cooperation and support in making the children's learning come to life.

Yours sincerely

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