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Year 5 Trip to Lepe Beach

Dear Parents,

This half term, the children are learning all about coasts in our topic entitled, 'Crumbling Coastlines'. As part of the topic, we would like to take the children on a trip to Lepe Beach to conduct some fieldwork. This is a fantastic opportunity to observe the coastline and sea defences in action, which they will be learning about in their geography lessons. During the day, they will get to complete some work looking at the current sea defences and work in a team to complete a scavenger hunt. The trip will also help inform their views for a debate they will have at the end of term as to whether the sea defences at Lepe Beach should be replaced.

The total cost of the day will be **£4.50**. We do fully appreciate that we are currently in a time where living costs are rising yet we have done our utmost to keep the cost to a minimum. We are going on five separate days to keep (travel) costs down. We will be using minibuses to transport the children. Unfortunately, if we do not receive enough contributions to cover the cost of the trip, it will have to be cancelled.

We aim to leave Abbotswood at 9:30am in the morning on the day of the trip. We will leave Lepe Beach at 2:15pm so we should be back in school by 3:15pm. If traffic is bad, we will inform you. The classes will be attending on the following days:

Friday 3rd July	5MD
Tuesday 7th July	5CP
Wednesday 8th July	5GM
Thursday 9th July	5MM
Friday 10th July	5ML

As we are a paperless school, please pay **£4.50 online for the trip using Arbor**. If you need assistance with this, please contact the office.

Your child will need a packed lunch with a water bottle in a bag as it will be easier to carry around. As it is harder to refill bottles at the beach, we advise that they take a spare filled water bottle so they can still have easy access to a drink. If your child is entitled to a free school meal, then one will be provided. A separate Google form will be sent out to the children who are eligible for you to choose the lunch option before the trip. We ask that they still bring a couple of water bottles with them as well. Your child will also need to wear their school PE kit for the trip. Please also ensure your child has a coat, hat and sun cream, depending on the weather on the day of the visit.

To allow us to go on the trip, we also require a parent helper to accompany the classes on each of the days. Unfortunately, there is not enough room on the minibus for parent helpers - sorry. Therefore, you would need to make your own way to Lepe Beach with your child. However, this does mean that you are able to take your child home at 2:15pm and not return them to school. If you are available and would like to volunteer with your child's class, please can you let the office know.

Thank you for your understanding.

Yours sincerely,

Michelle Dunning
Year 5 Leader