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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have many exciting events happening this year that should make learning great fun for the children. In order to keep this well organised for home and for school this letter should detail all of the school trips and visits for which we require a financial contribution this year. Please note that other unforeseen events may be added (this would be for only a small fee) and that this payment plan does not include swimming fees.

**Shakespeare Theatre Workshop and Performance** – this is a project in conjunction with a theatre group and will take place in school. There is no charge for this wonderful opportunity.

**Swanage, Dorset – 3 day and 2 night residential trip from Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March - Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2022.**

The cost of this trip includes coach transport, accommodation at The Townsend Centre, food and all of the activities led by experienced guides that take place across three days. The full itinerary for this year is not set yet but will likely include: Geography focused walk to Durlston Country Park using OS maps, a beach study and a visit to Corfe Castle. The trip is a wonderful experience and allows children to develop confidence, teamwork and independence.

**Greenwich Observatory – TBC**

Children will explore the Greenwich Observatory and watch a show in the Planetarium linking to our Science topic – Space. We also have a picnic in the park – weather permitting. As this trip is still to be confirmed, I will be in touch about costs early next year.

For all events a letter/permission slip will be sent out explaining in more detail what children are required to bring and timings. For the residential trip to Dorset a parent information meeting will be held in March. Any preliminary questions can be answered via email or in person. Do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any concerns.

We are asking for a voluntary contribution of £180, which will cover the costs for the Dorset trip including coach transfers. Please be aware that if insufficient funds are received, the trips may not be able to go ahead. There are a variety of payment options available. A suggested payment plan is outlined on the following page/attachment and payments should be made via SCOPAY. We would like all children to be able to benefit from all of these extended educational experiences. If, for any reason, you feel it would be difficult for your child to attend please contact Mrs Lewis or Mrs Woodward who will discuss options available to you.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at [a.mance@stmarysprimary.org](mailto:a.mance@stmarysprimary.org) or contact the school office to make an appointment.

Yours sincerely,

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