

Portway Junior School

'Learning Together, Achieving Forever'



Year 6 Calshot Residential Trip 2024

Monday 22nd January –
Friday 26th January 2024

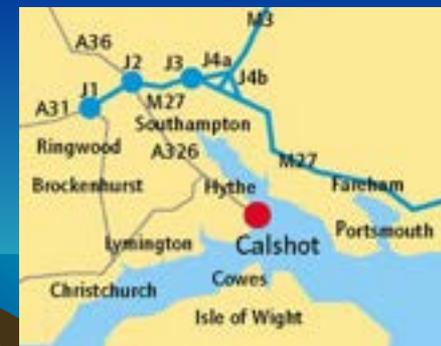


Calshot Activities Centre



- Calshot Activities Centre is one of the largest Outdoor Adventure Centres in Britain. It has a reputation for excellence and professionalism, and operates to the highest safety standards.
- Calshot offers year round residential courses in an unrivalled number of educational activities.
- Owned and operated by Hampshire County Council.
- Calshot Activities Centre is situated at Calshot Spit, Fawley near Southampton
- A 5 day residential trip for Year 6 pupils.

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Outdoor and Adventurous Activities

The trip will concentrate on various outdoor and adventurous activities. The programme is finalised nearer the time but will be very similar to previous years. It will include abseiling, 2 climbing sessions, 3 dry-slope skiing sessions, problem-solving activities, orienteering, cycling in velodrome, a beach study, archery and much more!



By participating in the residential children will:

- Develop life skills such as problem solving and decision-making
- Raise self-esteem, develop self-respect and self-discipline
- Give a sense of individual achievement
- Recognise team achievement as well as promoting supportiveness and tolerance
- Foster positive attitudes to learning
- Develop personal and social skills
- Promote health and fitness



Accommodation

- All accommodation at Calshot is in large accommodation blocks and our children will share rooms with their classmates, boys and girls separated of course!
- As we are a very large group we will probably have the 2 main accommodation blocks, which have been refurbished in the last few years and are very nice.
- All have heating to ensure total comfort at all times of year. Children must bring a duvet & cover/bottom sheet (or a sleeping bag) and pillow.
- The rooms are grouped together with the teachers allocated rooms in amongst the children's accommodation, not only to be able to supervise the group at night time, but also so children who need to speak to us in the late evening are never more than a door or two away.



Food

- The children will have 3 meals a day, each with a hot option. They cater for vegetarians at every meal. They can also deal with all types of food allergies, etc.
- They also provide snacks mid-morning and mid-afternoon.
- The food is always popular and there is a good range.
- If you think your child is fussy - there is a fair chance we have taken fussier! (And they have all coped)



Facilities

- The Calshot Experience is a unique mix of physical and academic activities, which, when combined with the friendly, professional approach of the staff, provides some of the best outdoor and environmental education in Britain today.
- The facilities are some of the best in the South of England and include state of the art climbing and abseiling facilities and an indoor dry ski slope.



Clothing and Special Equipment

- All of the specialist equipment for activities is provided. However, make sure that your child has clothes which can get dirty - very dirty in some instances!
- A list will be available to you in plenty of time to give you an idea of the clothing needed.
- However, we request suitcases that are of a reasonable size as otherwise we will struggle to pack them onto the coach, also the children will need to be able to carry them (up and down stairs too).



Staff

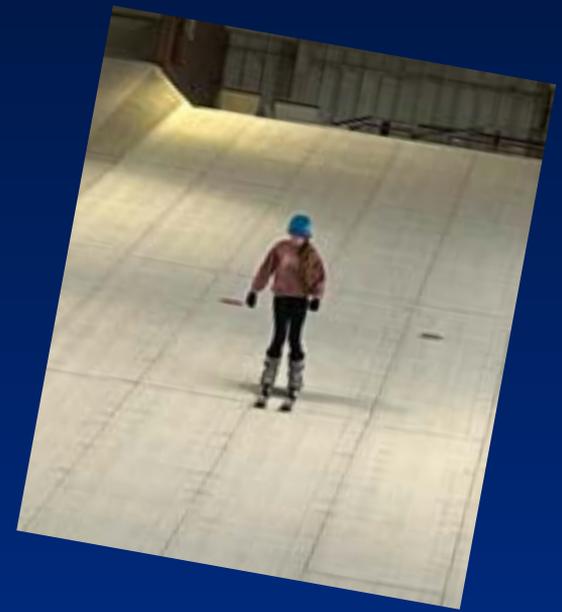
- It is too early to confirm staffing at this stage but last year the staff included all of the Year 6 teachers plus Miss Simons, Mr Staff and Mrs Fettes.
- The staff at Calshot are very well trained and one is allocated to each of our groups throughout the week with one of the Portway staff, in addition a supervisor overseeing our whole group.



Costs



- The 2024 trip cost is **£373** (this is as low as we can get it but unfortunately the transport and fuel costs have increased significantly since then). This price covers transport and all costs at the centre including all meals. Children will not need any spending money.
- To confirm our places we need the booking form and the deposit of £60 by Friday 30th June at the very latest.
- The link to the booking form is [Calshot 2024 Booking Form](#)
- We ask that all payments are made using our online payment system (SCOPAY). Please email the office if you are unsure about how to do this - adminoffice@portway-jun.hants.sch.uk
- The balance to be paid by the Friday 3rd November 2023.
- Money can be paid in any instalments.
- Please be aware that if you sign up and pay a deposit, this will be non-refundable, and you will be liable for the whole cost, unless your child cannot attend because of a medical reason. This is because we are unable to change numbers with Calshot once confirmed.
- If you are struggling financially - please email Mrs Staff as we may be able to access funding.



Opportunity to ask questions or please send any questions to
adminoffice@portway-jun.hants.sch.uk