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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope this letter finds you all safe and well.

Our residential trip to PGL Little Canada is fast approaching, and final arrangements are underway! I am writing to share key information and a recommended packing list to help you prepare.

Important Packing Advice

Please do not buy your child anything new for the trip unless absolutely necessary. The children will be outdoors all day in all weather conditions, so the main priority is keeping them warm and dry. Clothes are very likely to get muddy and wet, so please avoid packing anything that might cause upset if ruined.

Suggested Kit List

- Long-sleeved tops: essential to cover arms for rope activities; one top will get wet during a water activity.
- T-shirts: 2-3 for if warmer weather.
- Day trousers: tracksuits or leggings are ideal. Please avoid jeans, as they restrict movement, and feature metal studs that can catch on equipment.
- Jumpers/Hoodies: 2–3 warm layers.
- Footwear: 2 pairs of trainers. One pair WILL be worn in the water, so please send an old pair.
- Underwear & Socks: clean pair for each day, plus spares and extra ankle socks.
- Nightwear: pyjamas and a favourite teddy for bedtime (essential!).
- Weather gear: a waterproof coat with a hood, plus a sun hat or baseball cap.
- Towels: 2 towels (one for showering, one for water activities).
- Toiletries: washbag with toothbrush, toothpaste, shower gel, hairbrush, and roll-on deodorant (STRICTLY NO AEROSOLS ALLOWED).

Other Items to Pack

- A named water bottle: essential for keeping hydrated throughout the week.
- 2x bin bags (for dirty and wet clothing).
- A torch.
- A book for downtime.



Items for Monday Morning

- Packed lunch: Children will need a packed lunch in a disposable bag for the journey and first day on Monday.
- Spending money: £10 maximum in a clearly named envelope, to be handed to Mrs B.
- Group snack: one packet of biscuits to share with the group, to be handed to Mrs B.
- Medication: ALL medication (including pain relief) must be handed directly to me alongside a completed medical consent form (available from Miss Pauk in the school office).

A Few Final Reminders

- Label everything: Please mark all items with your child's name. It takes time, but it makes packing up at the end of the trip so much easier!
- No electronic devices: Phones, tablets, and handheld consoles are strictly prohibited. I will send regular updates to the school and post daily photos on the school Instagram account. School management will also be able to contact our group at any time.

I am thoroughly looking forward to the trip. It is always an incredibly rewarding experience where the children learn new skills, build independence, and make lasting memories.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'H Bulpitt', with a stylized, cursive script.

Holly Bulpitt
Head of School