

24<sup>th</sup> May 2017.

Dear Parents/Carers,

As you know, the children will be leaving for the Mount Cook residential on the first day back after half-term. We will be taking part in our first activity at lunchtime on the Monday, therefore we need to leave school in plenty of time to arrive there. All children will need to be in school at **8.00am** so that we can load the luggage and leave by 8.30am at the latest, breakfast club will be free to all the trip children that day. Please note that we will **NOT** be able to wait for any latecomers to school.

As we are limited for space on the mini buses, please do not use a suitcase for your child's belongings; if possible use a backpack or holdall as these are easier for us to get on to the bus.

The children will all need to bring with them a packed lunch for the Monday in a carrier bag which can be thrown away after use (no glass bottles or fizzy drinks please). Please **DO NOT** give your child any sweets or crisps to eat on the way. If we see anyone with any food other than their packed lunch it will be taken off them.

Your child may bring with them an old camera if they wish, or a disposable camera. These will be brought along at your own risk and we will not be responsible if anything is lost or broken. The children are not allowed to bring any electrical items with them such as phones or tablets.

Spending money is limited to £5.00 each as there is only a very small shop on site. Please hand this to staff on the morning for us to keep hold of.

If your child needs any medication, please bring it to school on the Monday morning labelled with your child's name. We will have our own supply of paracetamol in case anybody needs to take some, along with first aid kits for any minor scratches or bumps.

We have also had one or two children asking if they can fast whilst on the trip. We are advising that this is not allowed as the activities can be quite strenuous so the children need to eat and drink over the 3 days. If you have any queries over this please speak to us about it.

Please make sure that you have the school app and choose to get updates from the Mount Cook residential. We are planning to be back at school for normal home-time on the Wednesday, but this is dependent upon traffic. We will keep you updated regarding this via the app.

If you have any more questions about the trip please don't hesitate to ask.

Finally - let's hope the weather is kind to us!

Thank you.

Mrs. Johnston.