



St Osyth C of E Primary School

A member of the Diocese of Chelmsford Vine Schools Trust
Norman Close, St Osyth, Essex, CO16 8PN
01255 820823
schooloffice.stosyth@dcvst.org
www.st-osyth.essex.sch.uk

Thursday 31st March 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Pioneer Sailing Trip 2022 – Year 5

We are pleased to be able to tell you that we have been lucky enough to have been offered the opportunity to take part in an enrichment experience organised by the Brightlingsea Harbour Commissioners - in conjunction with the Pioneer Sailing Trust.

Not only is this a fun day out, but more importantly it is a very educational experience, where our children learn about heritage, sea life and their local geography. They also learn about safety on and around water.

The cost of the trip is £20 which represents excellent value for money. The Pioneer Trust have heavily subsidised the cost, which would ordinarily be in the region of £40. Please be aware that children will only be able to attend if full payment is made.

The Pioneer is only able to accommodate a maximum of 30 pupils per day, so Year 5 will be split, with some children going on Wednesday 8th June and the rest going the following day, on Thursday 9th June.

In order to keep the cost down as much as possible, we will not be travelling by coach. The children will need to be dropped off and picked up from Point Clear and will then be taken by the foot ferry to Brightlingsea. We will let you know, closer to the time, which day your child will be sailing on and more exact timings.

The children will be split into groups and will participate in a selection of the following experiences.:

- A sailing experience on the restored 69 feet sailing smack 'Pioneer', the only surviving skillinger smack (a traditional fishing vessel), with a qualified and experienced crew.
- A power boat driving experience with a qualified and experienced skipper.
- A trip out on a fishing boat, dredging with trawler net to learn about the local sea life and especially about oysters. This includes a hands-on experience with the catch.
- A sea life study.
- Learning about the impact of plastics in the river and making sustainable crabbing lines to take home.

The content of activities may vary a little depending on weather conditions. Each activity will be led by qualified instructors and the children will also be supervised by school staff.

For more information about the Pioneer Trust please visit - <http://www.pioneerck18.org/>

Kit List for Pioneer Sailing Day 8th/9th June:

Packed lunch including a soft drink (please no cans or fizzy drinks)

- Sun hat and sun cream
- Trainers (old ones) – please note that these may get wet with sea water!
- Warm windproof clothes including a jumper/sweatshirt (It is colder on the water than on the shore!)
- Waterproof jacket – if you have one

All safety equipment, including buoyancy aids and waterproofs (if you don't have your own), will be provided.

If you would like your child to take part in this unique experience please complete the attached form and return it by Friday 22nd April 2022.

Payment will need to be made, in the normal way, by **Friday 13th May 2022**. Please be aware that for health and safety reasons it is not possible to add pupils after the deadline therefore late payment cannot be accepted.

Miss C. Salmon

✂.....

Year 5 Pioneer Sailing Day 8th/9th June

Please return to class teacher or school office

Child's name _____ Class _____

I give permission for my child to take part in the above event and agree to pay £20.00 by 13th May to secure a place on this trip.

My child is entitled to free school meals and I would like the school kitchen to provide a packed lunch.

My child will not take part in the Pioneer Sailing Day and will be in school as normal.

Signed (Parent/Carer) Date