

25th September, 2023

## Beach School Visits for Year 2: 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> October, 2023

## **Dear Parents and Carers**

We are excited to inform you that the Year 2 classes have been chosen to attend a Wild Beach School session run by a local charity, The Final Straw Foundation. The Final Straw Foundation is a local charity whose mission is to reduce the amount of plastic waste entering our seas. They are therefore funding this educational visit which means that there is no cost to our families!

As part of raising awareness, The Final Straw work with schools to inspire children to discover awe and wonder – an appreciation for our coastline! We will travel to the beach at Hill Head, Fareham, via minibus/ coach and the visit will complement the Geography learning that is taking place in the classrooms, under the theme of "Ahoy There!"

The visit will take place during our usual school hours and the date of your child's visit will depend on which class they are in:

Monday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> October, 2023	2RM, Dolphin Class, with Mrs Ray
Tuesday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> October, 2023	2MA, Seal Class, with Mr Mason
Wednesday, 4 <sup>th</sup> October, 2023	2M, Stingray Class, with Miss Morris

During the session, the children will discover all about our coastal environment through practical and engaging activities. We also hope that your child will be inspired to want to spend more time visiting our coastlines and to share what they have learnt with friends and family. The session will be led by a qualified beach leader, who is also a qualified first aider and DBS checked, alongside teachers, LSAs and parent volunteers from our school who will be there to join in with the exploration!

**Every child will require a packed lunch** from home, carried in a small, child-sized rucksack, a water bottle and a piece of fruit for snack time. (You may also want to pack a carrier bag for your child to sit on if the ground is wet.) If your child is in receipt of "low income-related free school meals", school will provide a packed lunch for your child on the day of their trip. Please check the menu for the specific sandwich filling.

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In addition to this, the children will need to wear:

- their winter PE kit (t-shirt, school jumper/ cardigan and jogging bottoms or leggings)
- suitable footwear eg wellies or old trainers
- waterproof coat/ sun hat depending on the weather

I am sure that you will agree that this is a wonderful opportunity for our Year 2 classes. Due to a tight turn-around for permissions, please return the slip below to your child's class teacher by Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> September.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ (Parent/ Carer)

