

Just to let you know...



This week in English the children learnt about different castle designs including: Motte and bailey, concentric and stone keep. They practised their note-taking skills and then used the key points they collected to write information brochures about each type of castle. In Maths, the children solved castle word problems and also planned their journey to Brenscombe Farm. They used scale to work out the total distance travelled and they also thought about how much money it might cost for the coaches and petrol.

Please keep up the regular reading and use the reading records to keep in touch. Send your child to Brenscombe with a book!

Dear Parents,

We are so excited about our trip next week—please make sure you check the kit list this weekend. If you missed the meeting, here are a few general reminders:

- Please don't rush out and buy new clothes/shoes—it's an activity week and so children should bring just old clothes and trainers
- We have asked for each child to bring a packet of biscuits (no nuts please) and hand them in to a member of staff on Tuesday morning. We will then distribute them as afternoon snacks each day.
- All medicines should be clearly named and labelled and handed in to Julia Brown on the morning of the trip
- We are asking that letters aren't sent to the centre, as this can be upsetting for children who don't receive mail.
- Feel free to send a camera (preferably not valuable) with your child but please don't send any other electronic equipment—iPods, mobile phones or games consoles. They don't need any money, as there won't be an opportunity to spend it.
- Please ensure **everything** is clearly named!
- If you get a chance, a quick lesson in how to put a cover on a duvet and pillowcase would be a good idea as children will have to make their own beds from scratch at Brenscombe.
- Please remember that it is an early start (7.45) on Tuesday morning!
- Finally, please fill in and return the 2nd medical form **ONLY** if your child's situation has changed since filling in the previous one.

Best wishes,  
Heather, Henry and Alison