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Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 5 Trips and Visits – Autumn Term 2023

To support your child's learning, we have detailed below a breakdown of the planned trips and visits for this term.

To also give you a clearer picture of the costs across the entire academic year, we have attached a table which highlights planned trips and visits for the whole year. More details regarding payments and dates for trips in Spring and Summer term will be issued in due course.

Please find below details of the trips for Autumn term and the associated costs:

TRIPS AND VISITS – AUTUMN TERM				
Date	Topic/Learning Focus	Details	Cost Breakdown	Cost per child
Monday 16 th October	'What does the future of space exploration look like?'	Visit to the Chichester Planetarium	Planetarium: £135 Train: £99.35 TOTAL: £234.35	£7.81
Monday 6 th November	'Are we destroying the planet?'	Visit to the Materials Recycling Facility at Ford (MRF)	Ford MRF: £0.00 Coach: £275 TOTAL: £275	£9.17
AUTUMN TERM - TOTAL COST PER CHILD:				£16.98

Due to funding restraints, we are unable to subsidise any trips or visits. You will see from the table above that the amount asked for only covers the cost for each child. We would never request more than the cost per child; no parent is ever subsidising another child. **Payment must be made via MCAS.**

Please note that although contribution is voluntary, we must point out that it is probable that these sessions could not take place unless all parents, who are able, are willing to contribute. If this should prove difficult, please contact the school office in confidence. If you are in receipt of income support or certain other benefits please contact the school office in confidence, so that payment options can be discussed.



Chichester Planetarium – Monday 16th October 2023:

To support our Big Question of 'What does the future of space exploration look like?' we will be visiting the Chichester Planetarium. We will be travelling to the planetarium by train. Children should arrive at school at the normal time of 8.45am. We will be departing from school at 9.15am prompt and will catch the 10.05am train from Bognor Regis, returning in time for the end of the school day. More information about the Planetarium can be found at: www.southdowns.org.

Children should wear full school uniform. All children must also bring a water bottle and a small rucksack. **Payment for this trip is due by 9th October 2023.**

Visit to Ford Materials Recycling Facility (MRF) – Monday 6th November:

To support our Big Question of 'Are We Destroying Our Planet' we will be visiting the Ford Materials Recycling Facility (MRF). During our visit, we will see how waste materials are recycled and processed in West Sussex and we will learn ways to improve our own recycling processes at home. We will be travelling to and from the MRF by coach. Children should wear full school uniform. All children must also bring a water bottle and a small rucksack. **Payment for this trip is due by 30th October 2023.**

Please note that all children must have their legs fully covered during this visit – it is therefore very important that all children wear trousers, (leggings or tights may be worn under skirts) on this day. Children not dressed correctly will not be able to take part in the tour.

Please note that during the tour of the MRF, all children and staff will be required to wear PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) - this will comprise of a high-visibility vest, a hard hat, communication headset, safety glasses and gloves. Please discuss this with your child in advance so they are aware.

Lunches:

For Chichester Planetarium;

*If your child is eligible for Free School Meals or Universal Infant Free School Meals: **You must log in to your ParentPay account and amend your order by 11.59pm on Thursday 5th October.*** If you would like the school to provide a free packed lunch for your child on this date, please select 'Chartwells Trip Lunch'. If you would prefer to provide your own packed lunch on this date, please ensure your child brings it with them on the day of the trip.

If your child is NOT eligible for Free School Meals, please provide them with a packed lunch.

For Ford MRF;

*If your child is eligible for Free School Meals or Universal Infant Free School Meals: **You must log in to your ParentPay account and amend your order by 11.59pm on Thursday 26th October.*** If you would like the school to provide a free packed lunch for your child on this date, please select 'Chartwells Trip Lunch'. If you would prefer to provide your own packed lunch on this date, please ensure your child brings it with them on the day of the trip.

If your child is NOT eligible for Free School Meals, please provide them with a packed lunch.

Both visits are covered by the generic consent for trips and visits, which you signed when your child started at the school, so there is no requirement for you to complete an additional consent form. In the event of an emergency, we would use the emergency contact information we have on file for your child. **Please notify us immediately if there has been any change to this information.**



If you have any questions regarding these visits or the payment, please do contact the school office in confidence.

Yours sincerely

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