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Friday 8th December 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

Year 5 have an exciting trip ahead of us! On **Tuesday 6th February 2024**, we will be visiting the Winchester Science Centre. We have decided to visit the science museum as they provide brilliant opportunities for the children to learn about earth and space through a hands-on experience.

Children will enjoy:

- A 45 minute curriculum-linked discovery workshop
- A fantastic live planetarium show
- Lots of time to explore the two floors that are full of interactive exhibits

In order for this trip to go ahead, we are asking for a voluntary contribution of **£15.50 per child** (this will include the cost of travel). We are confident that the experience will be extremely enriching and the Centre have technology, such as a planetarium, which the children would not be able to experience elsewhere.

On this day, please drop your children off to school at **8:30am** as we will be aiming to leave school at 9:00am. We will be departing the Centre at 2:00pm so collection will be at the normal time of **3:10pm**. Please be aware that this may change depending on traffic.

Please could you respond with your permission via Arbor (trips) **by 9am Friday 12th January 2024**.

Key Information

- **Parent Helpers:** We would love to have some of you join us on this trip! If you would like to immerse yourself in our space learning, as well as supporting the activities and responsibilities of the trip, please let the office know via email.
- **Packed Lunches:** Please can a packed lunch and a water bottle be provided for your child on this day. If your child is signed up for a hot lunch a packed lunch will be provided.
- **Clothing:** Please make sure that your children are wearing school uniform. However, we are happy for them to wear comfortable shoes e.g. trainers, as there will be a lot of walking around to look at the Centre's two floors of awesome things!
- **Gift Shop:** There **will not** be an opportunity to visit the gift shop, therefore we ask that children **do not** bring any spending money.
- **Travel Sickness:** Please let the office know whether your child requires travel sickness medication for the coach journeys, nearer the time, and how and when this should be administered. Travel sickness medication for the out-going trip should be administered by parents or carers; school staff will only administer travel sickness medication to children for the return journey to school.

Thank you for reading all of the above and we look forward to receiving confirmation that your child is able to attend the visit.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Clark, Mrs Tomlinson and Mrs Hall