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Year 5 trip to Winchester Science Centre and Planetarium

Dear Parents,

This half term, the children will be learning all about space in our new topic entitled, 'Into the Darkness'. As part of the topic, we would like to take the children on a trip to Winchester Science Centre and Planetarium. This is an exciting opportunity to visit a planetarium which links closely to work the children will be undertaking in school. They will also have an opportunity to explore the interactive Science Centre where they will learn about many aspects of science through hands-on experience. The children also have the opportunity to take part in a workshop where they will get to design a rocket ship and test how aerodynamic it is.

The total cost of the day will be **£10.00**. We do fully appreciate that we are currently in a time where living costs are rising yet we have done our utmost to keep the cost to a minimum. We are going on five separate days to keep (travel) costs down. We will be using minibuses to transport the children. Unfortunately, if we do not receive enough contributions to cover the cost of the trip, it will have to be cancelled.

We aim to leave Abbotswood at 9:15am on the morning on the day of the trip. We will leave the Science Centre at 2:00pm so we should be back in school by 3:15pm. If traffic is bad, we will inform you. The classes will be attending on the following days:

Friday 21st November	5MM
Monday 24th November	5ML
Wednesday 26th November	5GM
Thursday 27th November	5MD
Friday 28th November	5CP

As we are a paperless school, please pay **£10.00 online for the trip using Arbor**. If you need assistance with this, please contact the office.

Your child will need a packed lunch with a water bottle in a bag as it will be easier to carry around. If your child is entitled to a free school meal, then one will be provided. A separate Google form will be sent out to the children who are eligible for you to choose the lunch option before the trip. We ask that they still bring a water bottle with them as well. Your child will also need to wear their school uniform. Please also ensure your child has a coat as it will be rather chilly in November. Thank you.

To allow us to go on the trip, we also require parent helpers to accompany the classes on each of the days. Unfortunately, there is not enough room on the minibus for parent helpers - sorry. Therefore, you would need to make your own way to Winchester with your child. However, this does mean that you are able to take your child home at 2:00pm and not return them to school. If you are available and would like to volunteer with your child's class, please can you let the office know.

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely,

Michelle Dunning
Year 5 Leader