



ABBOTSWOOD JUNIOR SCHOOL

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Year 4 Forest Trip

Dear Parents and Carers,

This half-term, children in Year 4 are learning all about our 'Into the Woods' topic. In Geography, they have been exploring features of the New Forest and how this compares to the Black Forest in Germany - the inspiration for many traditional fairy tales! To further immerse children in the topic, we have planned a fieldwork trip to Blackwater Arboretum, located along the Rhinefield Ornamental Drive in Brockenhurst. There will be **no charge** for the trip as the school will cover all of the transport costs.

Each class will go on the trip on a different day:

Monday 13th October - 4LD

Tuesday 14th October - 4BA

Thursday 16th October - 4ME

Friday 17th October - 4PC

Monday 20th October - 4LP

Tuesday 21st October - 4SB

We will be travelling by minibus and will leave Abbotswood at 9:10am. We will return to school at approximately 2:15pm and the children will be dismissed, as normal, at 3:15pm.

We have planned lots of exciting activities for the day, including practising Geography fieldwork skills, a scavenger hunt, tree sketching, leaf study and creating artwork inspired by the artist, Andy Goldsworthy.

Your child will need to be dressed appropriately for the weather so they **do not need to wear their school uniform but must have suitable clothing for a full day outside.**

The children will need to wear and bring with them:

- Warm and waterproof clothing
- Walking boots, wellington boots or trainers that can get muddy!
- A small bag
- A packed lunch
- A full water bottle
- A plastic bag (to sit on in case the rain has soaked the wooden benches!)

If your child qualifies for Free School Meals and requires a school-provided packed lunch, a Google form will be sent out to you. Please can you ensure you fill this in if you require a lunch for your child.

If you are available to help on the trip, please let the office know. Each class will need parent helpers to make the trip possible. The email address for the office is admin.office@abbsch.co.uk.

Please note that, due to limited space on the minibus, helpers will need to meet the class at the Blackwater Car Park - an address will be provided via the office.

We really appreciate your help and support to make school trips possible.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Lucia Di Maiolo
Year 4 Leader