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Year 5 trip to Paultons Park

Dear Parents,

Next half term, the children will be learning all about forces in our topic entitled 'Coasts'. To provide the children with an experience of forces in action, we would like to take Year 5 on a day trip to Paultons Park right at the start of the next half term. This is an exciting opportunity to investigate the forces behind the rides and experience the thrill of a theme park with their friends.

The total cost of the day will be **£13.50**. We do fully appreciate that this may be more expensive than some previous trips yet we have done our utmost to keep the cost to a minimum. Unfortunately, if we do not receive enough contributions to cover the cost of the trip, it will have to be cancelled. With ever tightening school budgets, we are unable to subsidise the trip.

After speaking with Paultons Park about **season ticket holders**, they have confirmed that if your child holds a season ticket, then this can be used for this trip. They will just need to pay for the workshop which will be **£1.50**. The children **must** bring the season ticket on the day of the trip and scan it rather than scanning the normal entry ticket. As they are not physical passes anymore, there is one of 2 ways in which they will be able to use them.

1. If on a phone, the adult dropping the child off can scan their phone (once the park opens at 10:00) and then take the phone home with them.
2. Paultons have said that if you go to the kiosk by the entrance, they can print a hard copy out to use. This can be obtained anytime before the visit but they will need to have it with them on the day.

Unfortunately, the teachers **will not be able to look after any mobile phones**.

To help keep the cost of the trip to a minimum, we are requesting that, where possible, you transport your child to and from the park. The park opens at 10:00 so we would like the **children to arrive at Paultons at 9:45**. We are aware that many of you will have other pickups as well so we are asking for **children to be picked up at 16:15** at Paultons Park. Please ensure that you walk your child to the meeting point which will be located outside the entrance (the large Paultons Park sign) and ensure they are handed over to their class teacher.

The classes will be attending on the following days:

Wednesday 3rd June	5MD & 5GM
Friday 5th June	5ML, 5MM & 5CP

Please pay £13.50 online for the trip using Arbor.

Please also let the office know:

1. If your child is a season ticket holder (you will need to bring this on the day or pay the full price), you can just pay £1.50 contribution. The office will let the teachers know who they are expecting to see Season Tickets from on the day.

2. 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 lunch for your child.

We need to know your child's choice by **Friday 15th May**.

3. If you are able to be a helper on the day, we often get a lot of volunteers for Paultons Park so please do not book time off work until we have confirmed that you are needed.

4. If you are unable to transport your child there, we ask that you inform the office by **Friday 15th May** so alternative provision can be put in place.

Your child will need a packed lunch with a water bottle in a bag as it will be easier to carry around. There are refillable water stations around the park for the children to use. We ask that all children bring a water bottle with them. Your child will also need to wear their Abbotswood PE kit or school uniform. Please also ensure your child has a coat, hat and sun cream, depending on the weather on the day of the visit.

Yours sincerely,

Michelle Dunning
Year 5 Leader