

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

**Year 5 Winchester Science Centre – Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

First of all, we would like to apologise for the very short notice about this trip. Despite informing some parents and carers at the end of the last academic year, we were hoping to get this information out to you a lot sooner. Some of you may be aware, but our school systems have been completely down and no internet has been available for any of us to use. It's amazing how much we rely on it, doesn't it!

In order to make this trip as successful as possible there are a number of costs involved: entry to the Science Museum and the cost of the coaches. We are therefore seeking contributions of **£27.50 per pupil**. We have tried to keep the cost as low as possible, choosing somewhere that has a low entry cost but we appreciate that the cost of this trip may be high for some families. Unfortunately, due to the school systems being down since our return in September, could we kindly ask that this cash payment is brought in to school. All cash should be in a sealed envelope with your child's name and class written on the front. A receipt will be issued by the office.

However, we would like to take this opportunity to invite your child to participate in an exciting Science trip to Winchester Science Centre. Our visit will include: time to look around and investigate the hands-on exhibits; take part in a 'Destination Space' workshop; and experience the 'Solar System and Beyond' in a Planetarium show. The coaches will be leaving Solent Junior School at 9:00am and are scheduled to leave Winchester Science Centre at 2:00pm to return to school for approximately 3:00pm. Children will be expected to arrive at school at normal time for registration.

On the day, children will need to:

1. Wear smart school uniform
2. Bring a full water bottle and an optional healthy snack (both named)
3. Lunch (see notes below)

**Lunch** will need to be **disposable**, and in a **named carrier bag** please, which will be stored in the Centre's dedicated Star Room. If you would like to order a picnic bag for the visit then please contact the school office. **These must be ordered by 9am on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2023 at the latest.** The children also need to be aware that they will be carrying all other belongings at all times. Large rucksacks are not advised.

If your child is likely to suffer from travel sickness they will need to take medication before school starts and have medication with them in a named packet for the return journey, this will need to be handed to their teacher on arrival at school. Children will **not** have the opportunity to visit the shop and so we ask that no money be brought on this trip. Mobile phones will also be left at school as per normal school procedure.

If you have previously helped us out as a volunteer and would like to attend the trip to support our pupils, please would you kindly let Mrs Colarusso and or the office team know. We appreciate all offers of help!

Kind Regards  
Mrs Colarusso, Miss Cawthorne, Mr Legg and Mrs Brook  
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