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Years 3 & 4 Blashford Lakes Trip

Dear Year 3 and 4 Parents/Carers,

Next half term our children will be learning about **living things and their habitats**. Our themed learning will focus on how living things can be grouped in a variety of ways. We will explore and use classification keys to help the children identify and name a variety of living things in their local and wider environment. In addition, we will explore how environments can change, gaining an appreciation that this can sometimes pose dangers to living things.

To support and extend this learning we will be making a visit to **Blashford Lakes** (<http://www.hiwwt.org.uk>), near Ringwood. The Education Centre there has an excellent reputation and offers the children a chance to study a range of plants and animals in their natural habitats.

The visits will take place as follows:

Wednesday 7th June -	Mercury Class (Mrs Nyland)
Thursday 8th June -	Jupiter Class (Mrs Craddock)
Friday 9th June -	Mars Class (Mrs Emecz/ Mrs Waite)

- Children will need to wear suitable outdoor clothing **that can possibly get muddy**. Long sleeved tops and long trousers – to reduce the risk of sunburn and ticks.
- **Wellies** (or, if you don't have wellies, **crocs/sandals** that can get wet) as the children will be paddling about in shallow water under adult supervision.
- Please can children bring a change of shoes.
- Waterproof coat - if it looks likely to rain.
- Sunscreen pre-applied if sunny and bring a sun hat.
- A low waste lunch i.e. one that produces as little rubbish as possible please! A normal lunch box/container is fine, as it can be taken home, but please try to avoid foods with packaging like crisps that create rubbish as there is an annual prize for the group with the lowest waste lunch!
- **No pocket money is required.**

Fortunately, we have secured a small grant of £150 towards the travel costs via the New Forest National Park Travel Grant Scheme 2017-2018.

To cover the residual costs for this visit, the cost of this trip is **£13.60** per child which includes morning and afternoon outdoor activities, the remaining coach travel costs and a contribution towards Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust's costs. This is a voluntary contribution.

This also covers the cost of a school visit by **Crazy Creatures**, who will bring in a range of animals from the animal classes for the children to see and where appropriate hold- see, <http://www.crazycreatures.org.uk/>!



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If we do not receive enough contributions we will not be able to go ahead with this visit. We receive funding for any families eligible for Pupil Premium, so the cost for these pupils will be paid for from this funding.

We will travel by Laguna Coaches, leaving at 9.00am and returning at approximately 3.10pm. Each group will be led by the class teacher with support from other school staff and parent helpers. Please let the school office or Mrs Craddock know if you would like to help with your child's class or another class on these visits.

Please return the slip to the School Office by **Wednesday 24th May.**

Thank you for your continued support with your child's learning.

Best regards

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Year 3/4 Phase Leader





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Name Class

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I give permission for my child to attend the trip

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I enclose £13.60

Medical Information:

Any updated/additional medical information

Parent/Carer Help:

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I am available to help. Parent Name

Date/s that you are able to help on

Parent/Carer Signature Date