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Year 5 and 6 Blashford Lakes Visit
Living Things and Their Habitats

Dear Parents/Carers,

Our science learning next half term will focus on different habitats in the local area and how plants and animals are adapted to live in them. To support and extend this learning we will be making a visit to Blashford Lakes (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:

- **Tuesday 6th July Neptune (led by Mr Green)**
- **Thursday 8th July Pluto (led by Miss Fitzpatrick)**
- **Friday 9th July Saturn (led by Mr Green)**

Children will need to wear suitable outdoor clothing **that can get muddy!** The children will be paddling about in shallow water under adult supervision. Please ensure children have the following on the day:

- Wellies (or, if you don't have wellies, crocs/sandals that can get wet).
- A change of shoes.
- Waterproof coat, if it looks likely to rain.
- Sunscreen and hat.
- Long sleeved tops and long trousers – to reduce the risk of sunburn and ticks.
- A low waste lunch i.e. one that produces as little rubbish as possible. A normal lunch box is fine, as it can be taken home again, but please try to avoid foods with packaging like crisps that create rubbish. There is an annual prize for the group with the lowest waste lunch.
- No pocket money is required.

We will travel by Laguna Coaches, leaving at 9.00am prompt. **We hope that from the 21st June restrictions will have lifted to enable start times to go back to normal. So children must be in at 8.40am please.**

We shall be returning by the normal end of the school day. Each group will be led by a teacher with support from other school staff and parent helpers.

To cover the cost of the trip we will be asking for **£11.12 per child** which includes coach travel and a contribution toward Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust's costs. This is a voluntary contribution, however, 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.

Please make an online **ScoPay payment and return the attached permission slip by Friday 25th June**. **No cash or cheque payments will be accepted.**

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

Best regards,
David Green (Assistant Head)



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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 have paid online the amount of **£11.12**

Medical Information:

Any updated/additional medical information

Parent/Carer Help:

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I am available to help with this trip.

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Please call the school office if further information on parent/carers volunteering is required.

Parent Helper Name Contact Number

Signed Date