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Year 5/6 Trip to Winchester Science Centre and Planetarium

As part of the theme of 'Space Explorers' in the spring term, the children will be learning about our solar system. We are fortunate to have been able to book a day at the Winchester Science Centre and Planetarium which will build on the children's work in the classroom.

The children will be visiting the Centre on Tuesday 17th January 2017 and will take part in a range of activities:

- *Destination: Space!* workshop - with the aim to inspire future generations of scientists, the Science Centre has partnered up with the UK Space Agency for the Destination Space Workshop which 'recruits' and 'trains' the next generation of space scientists. The children will learn about some of the key skills needed to be not only an astronaut, but a scientist or engineer working in the space industry. After a word from British Astronaut Tim Peake, they will be introduced to the European Space Agency and some challenging aspects of life in space. Through problem-solving activities and experiments, they will get a chance to use their communication, mathematical and team-working skills to control a robot-arm and investigate two of the problems facing astronauts in space; floating liquids and the effects of a vacuum.
- *The Planet Show: Live* planetarium show - the show starts with a quick look at the night sky, with a focus on any planets currently visible. Then the planetarium takes off from Earth and after a look back at our home world travels in one seamless flight out to the edges of the solar system to look back at the orbits of the planets before flying to visit each in turn.
- Hands-on exhibits - the children will have the opportunity to explore over 100 hands-on science exhibits, including an air cannon and a human battery.

We will travel by coach, leaving at approximately 9.30am and arriving back at around 3.00pm. If due to traffic we expect to arrive back later than 3.00pm, we will contact the Federation Admin Office. The children will be accompanied by their class teachers, other members of staff and additional adults, all of whom will have been briefed about the planned learning experiences, all health and safety matters and our expectations of the children's behaviour whilst out of school. As on any other day, your point of contact for the day is the Federation Admin Office.

The children **do need to wear their school uniform on the day** they are visiting the Centre.

Children will need a packed lunch in a disposable bag that is named: no packed lunch boxes please. The children may also wish to bring a water bottle. Sweets and fizzy drinks are not permitted and please do not send any foodstuffs in glass containers.

If your child is entitled to **free school meals** the school can provide him/her with a packed lunch for the day. Please indicate on the attached slip if you wish the school to provide a packed lunch for your child on the day of the trip.

No spending money or cameras are required for this visit.

Trips such as these are an opportunity for the children to learn and gain experiences that we cannot offer on the school site but in order to cover the cost of the trip we ask you to make a voluntary contribution of £16.70 per child. This payment may be made online if you prefer. If you wish to do so, you may pay the £16.70 in instalments but we ask that **all monies are paid by Friday 6th January 2017**. Please complete and return the attached form to give permission for your child to take part in the activity and to indicate how you wish to pay your donation towards the trip.

Please note that whilst your contributions are voluntary, we have to rely on them to offer off-site activities for the children and if insufficient contributions are received we may not be able to continue with our arrangements. Thank you for your understanding. We know the children will have an exciting day and so thank you in advance for your support of this activity.

Please complete and return the attached form to give permission for your child to take part in the activity as soon as possible but **by Friday 6th January at the latest. All monies are due in by Friday 6th January.**

Please note that if we feel that your child's in-school behaviour may be liable to put themselves or others at risk whilst we are off the school site, we will have to consider whether he/she is able to go on the trip and we may have to refuse to take him/her with us. If we feel we will be unable to take your child on the trip we will contact you to discuss this and any monies you have paid will be refunded. If unable to go on the trip, your child should come to school as usual and provision will be made for him/her in another class for the day.

Yours sincerely

Miss L. Hoyle
Upper School Team Leader

WINKLEBURY JUNIOR SCHOOL

Educational visit consent

Activity: Visit to Winchester Science Centre and Planetarium

Date: Tuesday 17th January 2017

I give permission for my child to go on the trip to the Winchester Science Centre and Planetarium.

If there are changes to the information you gave us on the annual consent form please detail them here:

Emergency contact details for the day of the trip:

Signedparent of.....in.....Class

Voluntary contribution

Please delete as appropriate:

- * I have enclosed a contribution of £16.70 for the trip to the Winchester Science Centre and Planetarium
- * I am intending to make payments in instalments. I have enclosed the first instalment of £..... and understand all monies are due by Friday 6th January 2017.
- * I have paid the voluntary contribution online
- * I will pay instalments online.

Signedparent ofinClass

Free school packed lunch

I confirm my child is entitled to free school meals.

I would like the school to provide a packed lunch for my child on the day of the trip to the Winchester Science Centre and Planetarium

My child would like (*please delete as appropriate*): tuna / egg / cheese filling in his/her roll.

Signed.....parent of.....in.....Class