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Dear Parents,

Science Week

On the week commencing Monday 11th February, we will be holding a Science Week in school. The aim of this week is to further raise the profile on science within school and to encourage children's interest in and enthusiasm for science. The theme for the week will be 'Space' which we have chosen as this year will be the 50th anniversary since the first moon landing in 1969.

Learning Visit

To bring our 'Space' topic to life, we have planned an 'out of this world' trip to the National Space Centre in Leicester. The children will have the opportunity to explore interactive hands on galleries where they can learn all about space, including how stars are formed, what gravity is like on other planets and what it is like to be an astronaut. As well as this they will experience live presenter planetarium show called 'Night and Day'.

The whole school will visit the Space Centre on Monday 11th February. We will be leaving school at 9.00am and so classrooms will be open from 8.30am on that day. If you arrive late on this day the only way that your child will be able to attend is if you drive them to the Space Centre. If this is not possible, a member of staff will be available to work with your child in school.

Increasingly children are enjoying bringing their own packed lunch on learning visits such as this one. However, if you would like school to provide a packed lunch for your child on the day of the visit we are happy to do so – could you please advise your class teacher if a school packed lunch is required no later than Friday 1st February. This will hopefully reduce the amount of food wasted due to unwanted school packed lunches. Please ensure that packed lunches brought from home are in named, disposable containers/bags. Children should wear school uniform as usual on the day of their trip.

Each class will need helpers. Please speak to your child's class teacher if you are available to help on the day and all names will be put into a hat (DBS checked school volunteers will take priority).

Planetarium

On Thursday 14th February we will have a real planetarium set up in our school hall for the day. This will be an unforgettable experience for the children and will be led by an expert presenter. Each class will have a session in the planetarium where they will learn more about the solar system, the stars, moon phases and the Apollo moon landings. Reception will experience a story about light and dark under the stars and this will lead into discussion about space in more simple terms.

We are asking parents to make a voluntary contribution of £15.00 per child which will cover both the cost of the trip and the planetarium visit. The school will need to pay the Space Centre two weeks before the visit so the deadline for payment is Friday 1st February. Please could you pay for this in the usual way on Parent Pay which will also act as parental permission. If the school does not receive sufficient voluntary contributions and these two experiences become financially unviable for the school one or both may have to be cancelled. Please do contact Mrs Oustayiannis or Mrs Macfarlane (School Business Manager) in confidence if you are concerned about payment – individual arrangements can be made.

Sharing learning

We are very much looking forward to this exciting week and we will be inviting you in to school to see the children's work some time during the afternoon of Friday 15th February. Watch this space for further details.

Science experts

Finally, if you or anyone you know, has expertise in anything relating to 'Space' or anything scientific, it would be wonderful if you could come into school to share this with the children. Please speak to you child's class teacher if this is something you would be interested in.

Many thanks for your support.

Yours sincerely

Katie Booth
Science Subject Leader



Race equality

