

23rd September 2024

Dear Parents & Carers

**KS1 – Buckfastleigh Otter and Butterfly Sanctuary and South Devon Railway – Wednesday
23rd October 2024**

This half-term, our KS1 students will be learning about habitats in Science and the history of transport in History. To support this learning, we have arranged an exciting visit to Buckfastleigh Otter and Butterfly Sanctuary, followed by a trip on a steam train with the South Devon Railway.

During the second half of the Autumn term, the children will explore changes in transport, with a particular focus on Brunel's Great Western Railway and its significance to Devon. In Science, they will investigate different habitats, learning about which living things are best suited to specific environments and how these habitats meet their basic needs.

Our trip is scheduled for **Wednesday, 23rd October**. We will be traveling to Buckfastleigh Otter and Butterfly Sanctuary by coach, departing at **9:00 am**. After our time at the sanctuary, we will journey back to Totnes by steam train with the South Devon Railway. A coach will then take us back to school, arriving in time for the usual collection time of **3:15 pm**.

To enable the trip to go ahead, we are asking for a voluntary contribution of **£19.20 per child** to cover the cost of the coach and train. If we do not collect sufficient voluntary contributions, the visit may be unable to take place. Payments can be made via the MCAS App by **Friday 12th October**.

Please ensure that your child brings the following items with them:

- Sturdy comfortable shoes
- A water bottle
- A packed lunch (unless ordering a lunch from school)
- Cold weather gear (coat, hat, gloves etc.)

As we prepare for the trip, we kindly ask that you ensure all your contact details and child's medical information is up to date via your MCAS login. This information is crucial and will be referred to if needed during the trip. Please do speak to your child's class teacher at the end of the day if you have any additional comments. Additionally, please make sure you have ticked the consent for



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trips in the 'Parental Consents' tab via your MCAS app. This is essential for your child's participation.

If you have any questions or would like any more information, please speak to the Key Stage 1 team or the school office.

Yours sincerely,

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