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Dear Parent/Carer,

As part of the Year 5 Space topic this term, we will be visiting Winchester Science Centre and Planetarium on **Wednesday 23rd September 2026**.

During our visit, we will spend time within the centre where there are a number of 'hands-on' activities for the children to experiment and explore. Amongst these is the 'Explore: Space' zone, which is linked to our topic this term, as well as a number of exhibits throughout the centre to support their science learning about forces and gravity. In addition, we will be taking part in a workshop led by the centre, where the children will learn about aerodynamics and experiment with air resistance to create effective rocket ships. These activities put science into a real life context and will support the learning taking place in the classroom. In addition, we will visit the planetarium, where we will watch an interactive presenter-led show, and explore the wonders of space.

The visit will take place during normal school hours, travelling by coach, and we will return in time for the end of the school day. Children will need to bring a packed lunch, unless you have requested one from the school office. All children will need to bring a water bottle with them; there are water stations available across the centre where they can refill their bottles.

Please ensure your child is wearing full school uniform, as there will be other schools visiting at the same time. The children do not need to bring any money with them.

We are really looking forward to the day and providing the children with a fantastic learning opportunity. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher.

Yours sincerely,

Catherine Mobey

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