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*Be strong and
courageous.....for
the Lord your God is
with you*

2nd June 2026

Dear Parent/ Carer,

Year R visit to Bekonscot Model Village
Tuesday 30th June 2026

Next half term out topic will be 'Transport'. We will be doing a variety of activities to stimulate and excite your child whilst they learn. To help further our learning about transport we have a school trip planned for **Tuesday 30th June 2026**. The trip will involve the class walking to High Wycombe train station to get the train to Beaconsfield where we will visit Bekonscot Model Village, the children will be provided with a workshop which takes them on a step by step journey back through time to see how trains have changed. They will also be going on the Bekonscot train ride. By taking the train to and from Beaconsfield, it not only allows the children to experience different forms of transport but it also makes them aware of any safety issues.

The cost of the outing will be **£13.65**, we are requesting that the payment for this trip is made via Parentpay, please do not send in cash or cheques, this payment will be set up on your Parentpay account and we would ask that you make your payment as soon as possible. If you do not hold a parent pay account, please see the school office and we will be able to reissue a letter to you giving you your login details.

Your child will need a packed lunch on the day of the trip. Please can we ask that the lunches, including water bottles are disposable as this reduces the risk of losing anything on the train. All items need to be clearly named. The children will be required to come to school in their school uniform as it makes it easier for us to identify them when on our trip. They will also need to be wearing trainers for the day.

Your child will need a Packed Lunch for this trip. **If you want a Packed Lunch from Fresh Start for this school trip, please make sure you have chosen the Packed Lunch replacement option & ordered any meal BEFORE 9am Thursday 25th June. If you do not do this you will need to supply your own packed lunch for the trip.**

Please be advised that we will only be able to go ahead with the trip if there are sufficient voluntary contributions. If you anticipate any difficulties in making a contribution, please contact the Headteacher, and the matter will be dealt with in the strictest confidence. Please complete the Parentpay payment by **Friday 12th June 2026**.

We will require 2 parent helpers to accompany us on this trip. If you are able to help please contact the office by **Friday 12th June 2026**. In the event of there being too many parents that are able to help, names will be allocated fairly by the school and parents will be notified whether or not they are required to help.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Blandford
Reception Teacher



Requesting financial contributions for an educational visit

School Trips – Voluntary Contributions

It has been brought to the schools attention that perhaps some parents are unsure why schools ask for a voluntary contribution but then contact parents when they have not contributed. Our letters are written in a way that does not exclude a child because a parent is unable or unwilling to pay for a trip. Below is an explanation as to why we promote school trips but also why we ask for voluntary contributions.

The value and importance of educational visit:

Learning outside the classroom is widely recognised as a valuable and effective means of extending pupil knowledge, enriching pupil understanding, and promoting personal and social development. Ofsted also acknowledge the importance of quality learning experiences outside the classroom for raising pupil attainment. Consequently, this school promotes and encourages the organisation of educational visits for all its pupils, and it is hoped that parents will also recognise the value and importance of these visits, and give their full support.

Cost of the Visit:

The school believes wholeheartedly in the value of these experiences, and subsidises the cost of all visits as much as possible in an attempt to ensure that these opportunities are accessible and affordable to all. However, the school seldom has the financial resources to pay the full costs. Consequently, a voluntary contribution is normally requested from parents/guardians to make up the shortfall. This contribution is genuinely voluntary, and neither you nor your child will be treated differently if you are unable or choose not to contribute. **However, please note that without all such voluntary contributions, visits may have to be cancelled, as the school is not in a position to provide further financial support.**

