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24th January 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

**Year 3 Visit to Kew Gardens – 22nd June 2023**

Our Year 3 topic next term focuses on Rainforests and Plants. In order to support the children’s learning, we have organised a visit to Kew Gardens where the children will participate in a ‘Plant Scientist’ workshop investigating the life cycle of flowering plants in the perfect outdoor environment. The workshop answers questions such as: What is a seed? What do plants need to grow and be healthy? Why do bees waggle?

Through careful observation and hands-on experience of living plants, the children will become  ‘Kew Horticulturalists’ for the day and investigate the journey and life cycle of a seed through to flowering. Children will have the opportunity to explore how seeds are formed and dispersed, the importance of bees and how we can care for and look after our plants.

The cost of the trip will be **£16.80** which includes coach travel and the cost of the workshop. We invite you to make a voluntary contribution towards this trip, which can be paid **online in Scopay by Friday 10th March 2023**. If you are unable to contribute for any reason, please speak to Mrs Sheila Buckley in confidence. If we do not receive enough contributions towards the cost of the trip, we will inevitably have to cancel. *Please note that payment in Scopay will act as your consent for your child to participate.*

To help the children have an enjoyable day we thought we should remind you of some of the things they will need:

* A packed lunch with a drink is required in a backpack (no glass bottles, fizzy drinks or any food containing nuts please).
* Children will be in normal school uniform and must have a waterproof coat.

We will be travelling by coachleaving promptly at8.30amand will be back at St. Mary's, traffic permitting, at approximately 3.30pm. Please bear with us if we are a little late returning and ensure you make any necessary arrangements in advance in case the coach is delayed. If we anticipate a late return you will be notified by text message.

Finally, we may need additional adults to accompany us on the trip and supervise a small group. If you would be able to help please let me know.

Yours sincerely



Mrs A Ryder

Class Teacher