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Class 3 Visit to Bayfordbury Observatory

Dear Parents,

This half-term, the science topic for Class 3 is "Earth & Space". We will be learning how the Earth's rotation causes night and day, how we know the Earth is spherical and what causes our yearly seasons. We will be finding out the relative sizes between the Earth, Sun and Moon, about the different phases of the Moon and will be researching the different planets in our Solar System.

The children have shown a real interest in this topic already with their summer homework, so to engage them further I have arranged a visit to Bayfordbury Observatory. This working observatory is part of the University of Hertfordshire and opens its doors to the public at different times throughout the year and runs sessions for schools and youth groups. The children will hear about some of the research conducted at Bayfordbury, see a show in the planetarium and, if the sky is clear, actually get to see some objects in the sky through the telescopes.

Obviously, to make use of the telescopes we need to visit during the hours of darkness so the trip has been booked from 5.00pm - 7.00pm on Friday 1st December. While this is out of school times, I really would like to encourage all children to attend as I know from personal experience that this is a fantastic trip. The children will really enjoy it and learn a great deal. To reduce the cost and because the observatory is so close to school, I have not booked a coach and request that children are taken to and from the observatory by parents. For more information and for directions to the observatory please visit the UH website <http://bayfordbury.herts.ac.uk/>

Please return the slip below, together with payment of £9.00 per child by Friday 17th November.

Yours sincerely,

Malcom Foster

Bayfordbury Observatory 1st December 2017

My child _____ will be attending the visit to Bayfordbury Observatory on 1st December. I will arrange for my child to be dropped off at the observatory at 5:00 pm and collected at 7:00 pm.

I enclose payment of £9.00

Signed _____

Date _____