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Year 5 visit to Bayfordbury Observatory – Friday 25th October 2024

Dear Parents,

To round off our science topic of Earth and Space this half term, we have organised a visit to Bayfordbury Observatory on **Friday 25th October 2024**.

Bayfordbury is primarily a university teaching observatory for undergraduate students and is based at the University of Hertfordshire. We are very lucky that they welcome school trips so that the children can see the great work that they do firsthand. During their visit, the children will enjoy an interactive astronomy talk, a planetarium show, and a tour of the telescopes, with the possibility of using some of them if weather conditions allow. There will also be the potential to use the solar telescopes and sun spotters.

The children will leave school at 9am and will return to school by approximately 2pm.

The cost of this trip is £23 and payment should be made via School gateway by 22nd October 2024.

If insufficient contributions are received, then the activity may not be able to take place.

The children will need to bring a snack and packed lunch with them, as well as a bottle of water. The children will also be expected to wear full school uniform and will need to bring a coat.

We would very much appreciate some additional adult support for this trip, so if you would like to volunteer your services, please let either Mrs. Thompson or Mr. Merrill know.

Trips such as this provide experiential learning opportunities that go beyond the classroom. The children can engage with subjects in real-world contexts, enhancing their understanding and retention. We really do thank you for your continued support, especially as this has been organised at quite short notice.

Yours sincerely,

K. Thompson & T. Merrill

Year 5 Class Teachers