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Dear Parents / Carers of children in **Year 1**,

Visit to Cannock Chase – Birches Valley

As part of our topic this term, we have arranged an exciting educational visit to **Birches Valley in Cannock Chase** on **Monday 17th November**.

We will be visiting the Gruffalo trail, offering children a fun and interactive way to bring two of their favourite stories to life. As they explore the woodland, children will develop their observation, listening, and storytelling skills, make connections to the stories' characters, and learn to identify different types of trees and signs of autumn. For young learners, it's a wonderful opportunity to combine literacy, creativity, and physical activity in a real-world environment

The coaches will depart from school at 9.00am. Due to the day's schedule, we are unable to delay departure, so please ensure your child arrives on time. Any children arriving late will need to remain in school. **We are expected to return to school at approximately 1.15pm**, so the end-of-day arrangements will be as normal.

The cost of the visit is **£8.26**, which helps to cover the cost of the transport.

If your child would like to attend the visit, please confirm their place along with the payment by **Monday 3rd November**, at the latest.

Children will need to bring a packed lunch, which they will eat upon returning to school. If you would like school to provide a packed lunch, please indicate your preference for a **cheese or ham sandwich** on **ParentPay by Monday 3rd November**. Alternatively, you may prefer to providing one from home.

As lunch will be eaten later than usual, **children are encouraged to bring a healthy snack** to eat during the visit. Please pack this separately from their lunch.

Children should wear **full school uniform**, including their red school sweatshirt, and **weather-appropriate footwear**. Please ensure they also bring a **waterproof coat** in case of rain.

If your child needs medication on the day (including an inhaler, EpiPen, or travel sickness tablets), please ensure this is given to the class teacher before departure.
We are looking forward to a wonderful day of learning and exploration at Birches Valley.
Yours sincerely,

J. Ball

Jenny Ball
KS1 Lead / Class Teacher

We're working towards Artsmark Awarded by Arts Council England