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Dear Parents/Carers

Re: Year 4 Autumn Trips and Visitors

As part of our creative, connected curriculum we aim to provide rich and engaging activities to support learning in our topics. This term our topics have a science focus – forces and space – and we have arranged a number of exciting learning opportunities to supplement the children's in-class learning.

- We will visit the Herstmonceux Observatory Science Centre on **Tuesday 6th October**.
- Boeing workshops – these will be planned for the Autumn term with dates for this being **Monday 19th October and Tuesday 20th October**. A team of engineers from Boeing are able to run for free some workshops for the pupils to help them learn about forces and aerodynamics
- The Education Group will visit MJS on **Tuesday 3rd November** to give children a virtual reality tour of the solar system.

The cost for Herstmonceux Observatory Science Centre school trip is **£24.20 per person** and we ask that payments are made by **Monday 5th October**.

The cost for the VR in school experience is **£6.25**.

Additionally, over the year the children complete 2 exciting DT projects and we ask that a voluntary contribution of **£5** to be made to help cover the cost of this. We ask that payments for both the VR experience and the DT projects are made by **Monday 19th October**.

The costs are payable via school money. Please visit schoolmoney.co.uk to pay and give parental permission. Please contact the school office, if you have any problems with these payment.

Herstmonceux Observatory Science Centre (Tuesday 6th October)

The children will get to take part in a workshops and get to grips with lots of hands-on learning activities. In order to get the best possible coach price while maximising the time we have at the science centre, the timings of the school day will change slightly on this day. **Pupils need to be in school at 8.10am** (so that the coach can leave promptly at 8.30am) **and we expect to return between 3:15 and 3.30pm**. Children will need to wear **school uniform** on this trip but can wear **comfortable shoes or trainers**. Please ensure that children have a coat suitable for the weather on the day and a bag with a snack, bottle of water and packed lunch. There will be an opportunity to visit the on-site shop. If you wish to give your child some money to buy a small souvenir, please give them **no more than £10**.

Finally, if your child normally has school dinners, please make sure you cancel this in advance.

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VR experience and Space immersion day

On Tuesday 3rd November, we will hold a day of exciting Space learning activities. We would love the children to come in dressed up as anything to do with Space - not only does this make the day more fun, but it really immerses the children in their learning. Please don't spend money on a costume: anything that can link to our space learning will be amazing.

We have arranged for The Education Group to come in on this day to lead virtual reality workshops with the children allowing them to become astronauts and discover space.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Ma'k
Head of Year 4