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Dear Parents/Carers,

Y1/2 visit to Conkers (Wednesday 15th May 2024)

As part of our 'How Does Your Garden Grow?' Summer Term topic, we will be visiting Conkers. Children can explore a variety of outdoor interactive exhibits, enjoy an Enchanted Forest and Treetop Walk and even a sensory Barefoot Walk. Children can ride on the steam train and explore some mature woodland walks, learning about habitats, local wildlife and plant-life. Children will also take part in a Bug Hunting activity! This hands-on interactive activity encourages the children to become wildlife detectives, using both their imagination and their senses. Led by a Ranger, they will search both high and low in the woodland for minibeasts and wildlife. The children will learn about the meaning and importance of habitats and even get the opportunity to build a habitat pile with their friends.

Children should arrive at school for **8.40am**. They should wear their school uniform, a coat and sensible walking shoes. We estimate to arrive back in school for **3.25pm**. Please ensure we have your up-to-date contact details, should we need to contact you in the event of an emergency.

All children need to bring with them a drink (no glass bottles, cans or fizzy drinks please) and a packed lunch in a **small**, named backpack. If you would prefer school to provide a packed lunch, please email the School Office by **Friday 26th April January 2024** admin@markeaton.derby.sch.uk with your child's name and class and quoting 'KS1 Conkers' in the subject line. We cannot receive orders after this date as correct supplies are ordered in by our School Kitchen to avoid waste. Should your child require a school packed lunch, please bring a small empty backpack to carry it in.

The cost of this exciting trip is **£14.50 per child**. As always, activities such as these can only go ahead with your financial support. If not enough parents are willing to make such a contribution, then the trip may have to be cancelled. The easiest and safest way to make your payment is via our Parentmail system; please ensure we receive your consent and voluntary contribution no later than **Friday 3rd May**.

For this visit to go ahead we are dependent upon parent volunteers. If you are able to help on this visit, please can you let us know by emailing us at admin@markeaton.derby.sch.uk with 'Conkers' in the subject line and state your child's name and class. We will notify you by email should your assistance be required.

Yours sincerely,

The Years 1 and 2 Team