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Dear Parents/Carers,

Y3/4 'Where's Wally' topic Summer Term 2023

Year 3 – Wednesday 24th May

Year 4 – Thursday 25th May

As part of our 'Where's Wally' topic this term, we have arranged to visit Carsington Water! The children will learn how to 'Navigate Nature' by exploring maps, use four- and six-figure grid references, in addition to using fieldwork to observe, measure and record features in the local area. Moreover, the children will have an opportunity to go pond dipping, which will help enhance their observational skills as they find out more about the freshwater animals and their habitats.

Children should arrive at school for **8.45am**. They should wear their school uniform, a warm coat and sensible walking shoes or wellies (no change of clothing will be required). Dependent upon the weather forecast, sun cream before setting off or a sun hat may be advisable too. As we are participating in pond-dipping, we also need to make parents aware of the potential of 'Weil's Disease' – the symptoms and how to minimise the risk of contracting [Leptospirosis \(Weil's disease\) - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/leptospirosis/). If your child has any cuts or grazes, please cover with a waterproof plaster. Waterproof plasters will be available in school to use; please ask your child to make themselves known to staff if they require a plaster before setting off. 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 refillable water bottle (no glass bottles, cans or fizzy drinks please) and a packed lunch in a **small** named backpack (the children will be carrying this on their backs for the duration of the trip). If your child is entitled to a free school meal and you would like school to provide a packed lunch, please email the School Office by Tuesday 9th May admin@markeaton.derby.sch.uk with 'Carsington' in the subject line. Should you require a school packed lunch, please bring a small empty backpack to carry it in.

Activities such as these can only go ahead with your financial support; we are therefore asking for a voluntary contribution of **£11.80 per child**. This trip has been set up on ParentMail to allow donations for those who wish to pay a bit extra; please follow the simple instructions at checkout. Please ensure we receive your consent/voluntary contribution no later than **Monday 15th May**.

For these trips to go ahead, we will need additional volunteers. If you are able to help, please can you let us know by emailing us at admin@markeaton.derby.sch.uk with 'Carsington' 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 Year 3/4 (LKS2) Team