



“...Let us remember that, as many hands build a house, so many hearts make a school.”

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

19th September 2019

Dear Parents/Carers

Re: Years' 5/6 – Horton Kirby Environmental Education Centre 'Rivers' Visit

As part of our curriculum study of rivers this term, we would like to take the children on a visit to **Horton Kirby Environmental Education Centre**, so that we can bring the topic alive with an action packed day studying rivers. **This will take place on Friday 4th October 2019.** The full address of the centre is: 29 School Lane, Horton Kirby, DA4 9DQ. Please can you bring your child to school by 08:30am on the morning of the trip. We will return in time for the Harvest Festival Church Service; children will need to bring their full school uniform in a separate bag, to leave at school to change into when they return for the church service.

The day will begin with field study, where children will be equipped with their own discovery bags looking at features of a river and its surrounds, the flow of a river and how its physical and human features have changed over time. The afternoon will comprise a series of 'hands-on' activities relating to the River Darent. Children will create their own land, which they will develop into a river. They will use microscopes to investigate the permeability of rocks and how they affect the flow and depth of a river.

The children will need to wear outside clothing for all weather eventualities, and need a waterproof jacket and wellington boots. They will need practical outside clothing that may get wet and muddy, plus spare socks and trainers/shoes to change into when they return to the centre for lunch and inside study. The children will also need a full packed lunch for the day in a disposable bag.

The cost of this trip is £8.50 per child and this should be paid directly via the School Comms app under the title 'Maple river study day Horton Kirby'. **Please can this be paid in full by Wednesday 2nd October 2019.**

We will be travelling by minibus to and from the venue, and we please ask if you haven't already done so, to please make a contribution to the cost of travel via the school minibus funding facility on the School Gateway.

Yours faithfully

Mr Ben Hulme
Headteacher