



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

## ST. PAUL'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

23<sup>rd</sup> March 2023

Dear Parents/Carers of Birch Class,

### Birch Class Visit to Riverhill Himalayan Gardens

This term, we are reading the book 'The Bog Baby', written by Jeanne Willis. In the story, the two girls go on an adventure in the bluebell woods and find a bog baby in a pond. They decide to keep it a secret from their parents, until the bog baby becomes poorly and needs to be set free! As part of our learning and to help bring the story alive, we have planned an exciting trip to Riverhill Himalayan Gardens, Sevenoaks, TN15 ORR.

There is a bluebell festival-taking place, where the children can explore the beauty of the bluebell season. They will also take part in an Enchanted Forest Scavenger Hunt, which is an imaginative and theatrical guided walk through the beautiful forest. The children will have an opportunity to build dens, try to find their way through a hedge maze, enjoy the vast views over the Weald of Kent and explore the historic garden grounds. It really is set to be a fantastic day!

The trip will take place on **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2023**. **We shall be travelling via the school minibus and will be leaving St. Paul's promptly at 9.00am, please make sure that your child is in school for 8:45am, ready for registration and a loo visit before we leave.** If your child uses a booster seat, please provide us with it on the morning of the trip and stick a label with their name on it. **We will aim to return to St. Paul's for a normal pickup time of 3:15pm.** If this time changes on the day, we will alert you via Schoolcomms.

The children should wear their full school uniform and bring a warm waterproof raincoat, hat and gloves, in case it is cold. We will change the children into their wellies before we leave. Your child will require a healthy packed lunch, in a disposable bag with a re-fillable water bottle. Your child will be required to carry their own lunch on the trip; a small backpack would be ideal for them to use.

The cost of the trip is **£12.00**. This includes entry into the gardens, a specialist scavenger hunt, a guided walk and transportation to and from the venue via the school minibus. Please pay for the trip via the School Gateway app, under the payment 'Birch Riverhill Himalayan Garden Visit', by **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2023**.

Your child will not need to bring any spending money and we will not require any parent helpers on this occasion. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

**Miss Craft**  
**Birch Class Teacher**