



20th October 2023

Dear Parents/Carers of Beech Class,

Beech Class Visit to The British Wildlife Centre – Thursday 23rd November 2023

We are excited to inform you about our trip for Term 2, to The British Wildlife Centre, Eastbourne Road, Newchapel, Lingfield, Surrey, RH7 6LF. David Mills is the founder of the centre and is passionate about conservation of British wildlife. He felt there was a need to educate the public about native species and the challenges they face living in Britain today. He closes the centre especially for school tours, as his ethos is teaching children to appreciate and respect Britain's own wonderful wildlife species, to encourage them to develop a life-long interest in their protection and survival. His philosophy can be summed up as 'Conservation through Education'.

The visit ties in with Beech classes learning in Term 2 in science, of living things and their habitats. The children will enjoy a wonderful day of exploration and learning first-hand, the needs of the animals at the Wildlife Centre. They will experience three separate sessions based on all different types of British wildlife, including hedgehogs, red squirrels, owls and otters, to name a few!

The children should wear full school uniform, with a waterproof coat and hat and gloves if needed, for a cold day. They will need a healthy packed lunch, with a refillable drinking bottle. Your child will be required to carry their own lunch and a small backpack would be ideal. **Please can the children arrive at school for 8:45am. We expect the children to return to school, at the normal pickup time of 3:15pm. Should this change on the day, we will alert you via the School Gateway app.**

The cost of the trip is £12, which includes access to The Wildlife Centre, three specialised wildlife sessions, the supervision of our group by a specialist staff member and transportation to and from the centre via the schools minibuses. Please pay via the School Gateway app, under the payment 'Beech Visit to The British Wildlife Centre 2023'. Please pay in full by **Monday 20th November 2023**.

Yours faithfully,

Miss Draper

Beech Class Teacher