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Dear Parents/Carers of Beech Class,

Oak Class Visit to Drusillas Park – Monday 25th November 2024

This term, the children in Oak class are learning about life cycles of animals, which is explored in the book they are reading, *The Emperor's Egg*. To bring this topic to life, we have arranged to take the children to Drusillas Park, on **Monday 25th November 2024**. The full address is Alfriston, East Sussex, BN26 5QS.

Drusillas park is home to Humboldt penguins, who look very smart and distinctive in their tuxedo-like black and white markings. The children will get to see the penguin's first-hand, to check and compare the knowledge they have learnt in their book, to the facts they discover at Drusillas. They will also take part in a specialist workshop on penguins, to further grow and share their knowledge.

They will get to walk through the lemur enclosure in Lemurland, see the Lorikeets at Lory Landing, as well as encounter bats, sloths, saki monkeys, red panda's, giant ant-eaters and golden lion tamarins, to name but a few of the experiences on the day!

We will be travelling to and from Drusillas via the school minibuses. Please make sure that the children arrive at school for an earlier start of 8:15am, as we will be leaving promptly by 8:30am. Unfortunately, we will not be able to take any children that are late. We aim to return to school for a slightly later pickup time of 3:30pm. Should this time change on the day, we will alert you via Schoolcomms and ClassDojo.

The children should wear a full school uniform with their school shoes, a waterproof coat and a hat and gloves if it is a cold day. The children will need a healthy packed lunch, with a refillable drinking bottle of water. Your child will be required to carry their own lunch and a small backpack for this would be ideal. They will not need any spending money.

The cost of the trip is £10, which covers entry to Drusillas Park, a specialist educational talk and travel via the school minibuses. Please pay via the School Gateway app, under the payment '**Oak Trip to Drusillas Park 2024**'. We will leave the payment open until **Monday 2nd December 2024**.

Yours faithfully,

Mr Johnson
Head of School