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*Article 31: Children have the right to take part in a wide range of cultural activities.*

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

### YEAR 2 – Cockle Trail Walk

Year 2 are now halfway through their exciting 'Globetrotters' topic! We are learning about the country of Kenya, focusing on an area in the suburbs of Nairobi and comparing this to the area that we live in – Poole. To further the children's knowledge and understanding of Poole's heritage, we would like to take them to Poole Quay to complete 'The Cockle Trail Walk'. We will show the children historically significant landmarks and help them to understand some of the historical events in our own locality, including the history behind Poole Harbour (pirates and trade).

The children will be travelling by minibus to and from Poole Quay, leaving school at approximately 9.00am and returning to school at ready for lunch.

#### Dates for the trip:

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October – Giraffes

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October – Meerkats

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October - Zebras

Please ensure your child is wearing their **full school uniform** for this trip and **suitable footwear** for walking. They will also need a **coat** in case the weather is cold. If the weather is likely to be very poor, we will make a decision nearer the time as to whether the trip needs rearranging to another day.



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Each class will need additional helpers for the visit to Poole Quay, so if you are able to help on your child's trip, please inform your child's class teacher or the office as soon as possible, and we will be in touch. All offers of help will be very gratefully received. If you are able to help, you will need to be able to meet us at school at 8:45am ready for a quick briefing. Then, due to limited space on the minibus, we would be very grateful if you could drive your own child to the Quay. We will meet you at the start of the Cockle Trail at 9:15am. The same will happen on the return journey to school.

Please sign into the parent gateway to **accept your consent** for this trip by ticking 'yes' before **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September**. In order for this trip to take place, we are asking for a voluntary contribution of **£2.30** to help towards costs for the minibus. This can also be paid on the parent gateway. If you are helping on the trip, and agree to drive your own child, then you do not need to pay the voluntary contribution towards the minibus. Please be advised that if we do not receive enough contributions, then we may not be able to proceed with this event.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully



Mr Walters  
Year 2 Leader



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