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Audley End Miniature Railway

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are delighted to let you know that Reception will be visiting **Audley End Miniature Railway in Saffron Walden on Thursday 26th November**, where the children will board the Santa Express and travel deep into the woods of the Audley End Estate to Father Christmas' Winter Wonderland!

During their visit, the children will have the opportunity to meet Father Christmas and his busy elves, receive a special gift and enjoy a festive Christmas dance. We hope this will be a magical experience and a wonderful way to create special memories on their first school trip.

The visit also links closely to our learning about the natural environment and changing seasons. Following the trip, the children will have the opportunity to sequence the events of the day and write a recount of their experience.

We will be leaving school at **10.15am** and plan to return in time for normal collection at the end of the school day.

A school packed lunch will be provided for every child, however, if you would prefer to provide your child with a packed lunch from home, please let the class teacher know in advance of the trip. There is no need to provide any additional food or snacks.

As much of the visit will take place outdoors, please ensure your child is dressed warmly. Children should wear their school uniform jumper and shirt, warm trousers or leggings, and comfortable footwear such as trainers or warm, waterproof boots. Please also ensure they have plenty of warm layers and a suitable winter coat, as it can get very cold. No additional spending money will be needed.

The total cost of the trip is **£29.00 per child**, which includes coach travel and admission. We ask parents and carers for a voluntary contribution towards the cost of the visit. No child will be excluded due to an inability to pay; however, if insufficient contributions are received, the trip may need to be cancelled.

If you require financial support, please contact Chris Gearing, our School Business Manager, through the school office. All conversations will be treated in the strictest confidence.

Please provide consent and make payment via Arbor by Friday 20th November.

We are really looking forward to sharing this exciting experience with the children and making their first school trip a memorable one!

Kind regards,

Mrs Farhana
Reception Class Teacher

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