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Dear Parents and Carers

Year R Blue Reef Aquarium visit on Monday 8th January 2024

During the first half of the spring term, our topic is focused on life under the sea and we will be visiting Blue Reef Aquarium in Southsea on Monday 8th January 2024.

- Dolphins and Starfish Classes will be leaving after morning registration and returning at 12pm in time for lunch
- Sea Turtles and Jellyfish classes will leave school after lunch and return at 2.45pm.

As mentioned in our earlier letter regarding Year R Enrichment opportunities, we are asking for voluntary contributions to cover the cost of this trip of £10.41 per child. This payment will cover the cost of the coach, entrance fee and tour of the aquarium, including a workshop. This is to be paid online via SCOPAY. We are asking that all contributions are made by **Tuesday 2nd January**. In line with the school's charging policy, parents may receive a refund, subject to the school covering their costs, if their child cannot take part in the visit due to illness. Please visit our website if you would like to read the policy in full.

Please complete the online consent form using the link below for your child to attend the trip, by **Friday 8th December**.

<https://forms.office.com/e/pCYVVF3ZPJ>

On the day of the visit children should wear their school uniform as normal. If the weather is cold the children will need warm clothing i.e. vest, hat, gloves and scarf. The children do not need to bring any money, as we will not be visiting the shop.

Prescribed medicines i.e. antibiotics and inhalers will be taken on the visit for those children where a permission form has been signed by parents prior to the visit or for children with a chronic medical condition.

We would appreciate offers of help from parents who are able to accompany the children and work with them in small groups on this visit. Please indicate on the online form if you are able to help and your child's class teacher will reply with a letter in your child's book bag by Tuesday 12th December.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs ML Thomas
EYFS Year Lead

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