

# St Mark's C.E. Primary School

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Dear Parent/Carers,

## Year 5/6 Trip to Down House

As you are already aware our next half term our project looks at Charles Darwin and the voyage of the Beagle. Following a questionnaire to parents we have had sufficient interest to allow us to arrange for this trip to go ahead.

This is a unique place in the history of science and evolution, Down House was Charles Darwin's family home – and today it is a site of outstanding international significance; where the children will be able to step into the very rooms where Charles Darwin worked and lived, including the study where he wrote on the Origin of Species, and trace his story with a fascinating exhibition about his life and work.

The trip, including workshops and travel will cost £18.85 and we will be requesting voluntary contributions for this. The trip will take place on the 22<sup>nd</sup> February and payment would be needed by the 31<sup>st</sup> January. There is the option to split the payments making one payment of £9.45 by 31<sup>st</sup> January one payment of £9.40 by 29<sup>th</sup> February. If we have not had sufficient contributions by 31<sup>st</sup> January, we will sadly have to cancel this trip.

The children will wear their school uniform and bring a coat. All children should wear a comfortable pair of shoes. The children should bring a packed lunch, in disposable packaging, carried in a small rucksack. They should include their water bottle. A reminder, one treat is allowed in the packed lunch but no sweets please (refer to our Whole School Food policy for further guidance).

We hope that you agree that this is a very worthwhile trip and will be an excellent addition to their classroom work and will bring this subject alive for them.

The trip is now available on your child's Scopay account both for payment and to give permission for your child to attend.

Kind regards

**Mrs Bhela**

Year 5/6 Class Teacher