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Dear Parent/Carer,

Year 1 - Learning outside of the classroom 2023-24

We believe that children benefit from enriching their learning beyond the classroom. This includes free trips and paid for trips. We recognise that with the cost of living crisis we want to make sure that all trips are good value for money and that families have plenty of time to plan for and pay towards these enrichment opportunities.

Below are details of the trips that will take place during this school year and the approximate cost of each trip. Once each trip has been booked, we will write to you again with further details and you will be able to begin to pay.

Year 1 will take part in the following enrichment opportunities throughout the school year:

- **Local walks** around Hillfields, to Hillfields park and to Hillfields library. These local walks will take place regularly throughout the year. These trips are free.
- **Fishponds Church** (Term 2). This trip will be free. The children will walk to and from the church with school and adults and parent volunteers. While at the Church they will have a guided tour by Reverend Lizzie.
- **Slimbridge Wildfowl and Wetlands** (Term 4). This trip will be free. During the day the children will explore the animals, take part in a workshop and travel to and from the venue via coach.
- **MShed** (Term 5). This trip will cost approximately £15 to cover the cost of coach transportation and a workshop.

In addition to the year group specific trips, the whole school will be watching a Panto on Thursday 18th January. This will be part funded by the Friends of Minerva and therefore will cost £1.50 per pupil.

When paying for a trip you will be able to tick a box to give permission so no paper slips will need to be returned to school.

Any specific details for individual trips e.g. alterations to school day timings, lunches or school uniform will be emailed in advance.

As always, parental support is always greatly appreciated. If you are able to help us on any of these trips, please email us at info@mpa.cabot.ac.uk or speak to your child's class teacher.

Thank you for your continued support,

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