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Year 6 Decoy Park Trip

Wednesday 8th June

Dear Parent/Carer,

It feels like a long time since I have announced this but... "we are going on a class trip!" We plan to visit Decoy Park on **Thursday 23rd June**.

In the morning, we will take part in a nature walk and hear from John, the ranger at Decoy, about how our science learning is evidenced in the real world, particularly looking at how plants and animals have adapted to the environment and how we can recognise different species in their habitats. In the afternoon, we will be enjoying time on the lake at Decoy in kayaks. Don't worry, we will of course be led by qualified instructors who will ensure we adhere strictly to recommended safety procedures as determined by the local authority. The session will be managed by the Devon Windsurf and Canoe Centre (see <http://www.devonwindsurf.co.uk/>). Water safety rules will be shared with the children as well as a **wetsuit and buoyancy aid provided** for each participant. Safety rules must be followed to ensure the safety of all participants. We will ensure the ratio of adults to children is above the recommended level – we will take three adults to manage the children's safety alongside those specially-trained adults from Devon Windsurf who will be on the water with the children.

There is a cost associated with the visit - £12.50 buys your child professional instruction and an hour's practice in the water – what a great way to spend time together towards the end of our school year! The trip takes place within school hours - all the children will need is **a swim suit, a towel (for a shower afterwards) and water shoes or an old pair of plimsolls to wear in the kayak**. They will also need a **packed lunch** (children in receipt of free school meals will be provided with one) then we will return to school before 3.15 so your child will be able to walk home or be collected as usual. Your child will be bringing home a permission slip this afternoon which we will need to be completed and returned in order for your child to be able to enjoy the trip as well as a **contribution of £12.50, payment to be made via School Gateway by 16th June please**.

Many thanks in advance for your continued support,

Yours faithfully,

Graeme Hankin
Year 6 class teacher & Key Stage Two Phase Leader