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Dear Parents

South Downs National Park – Wednesday 04 November 2026

On Wednesday 04 November, children from Hedgehogs Class will be visiting the River Meon at South Downs National Park in Droxford. This will be an invaluable opportunity to learn about rivers, wildlife, river features and water conservation from first hand experience.

We will be travelling to and from South Downs National Park by coach. We will depart and return within normal school times. Children will need to wear a school shirt, sweatshirt and their own trousers. Please send them with a waterproof coat. Sturdy, waterproof, outdoor footwear should be worn (walking boots or wellies), as the children will be navigating different terrains for some of the visit. We will arrive around 9.45am and spend some time talking about the area with the two Meon Valley Trust staff who will then lead us along a footpath. We will stop, observe the river and identify features. At around 10.30am, we will arrive at a safe location where children will complete field work and take measurements. We will walk back to the coach for around 11.45am and they will return to school for lunchtime so can have a pack lunch or order a hot school meal in the morning as normal.

We would be grateful for a voluntary contribution of £5.00 *[for transport]* per child towards the cost of the visit. Although we are legally required to refer to the cost as 'voluntary', the reality is that if we do not receive contributions from parents we cannot provide these valuable learning opportunities and experiences. If we do not receive enough contributions, the trip potentially wouldn't go ahead.

Yours sincerely

Mrs S A Bird
Hedgehog's Class Teacher

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Please login to your child's Arbor account to

- Provide permission for your child to go to the South Downs National Park
  and
- Make an online payment

Alternatively, we are able to accept cash or a cheque made payable to HCC in a named envelope via the office where we will have paper consent forms for completion should you prefer.