# St. Michael's Church of England (VA) Junior School

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20th May 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we are no longer taking the children on their residential to Mersea Island, we would like to do a few activities with them instead. We are planning the following:

A trip to Galleywood Common for a day of Science and habitat exploration

An orienteering afternoon in the school grounds

Dissecting Owl pellets (the undigested part of an owl's food!)

We will be visiting the common on **Friday 28th May.** We will leave school at 10:30am and walk to the common. Reverend David has agreed to open the church so we will have toilets available for the children to use and somewhere to store lunchboxes. We are planning to consolidate our learning in science and find vertebrates and invertebrates, classify them and explore different habitats. As well as this we will use this opportunity to gather vocabulary for our fantasy writing unit that we will be starting after half term.

**All children will need a packed lunch, small rucksack, a waterproof coat and a filled water bottle. The children can wear old clothes on the bottom half and trainers/wellies but school uniform on the top half.**

The other two activities will take place in school after half term.

We are asking for a small voluntary contribution of £3.50 towards the cost of the orienteering equipment and owl pellets. Please make your payment via ParentPay where you will find a new notification for payment. We wish to make it clear that no pupil will be denied participation in the events on the grounds that no contribution has been made on his/her behalf. Equally it will be clear that the school does not have any resources to subsidise non-contributors, and so if contributions do not match the amount needed to meet the cost of the visit, the trips will not take place.

We are really looking forward to the children taking part in these exciting activities.

Kind Regards,

Miss Morris and Miss McManus

Year 4 Teachers