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Dear Parents

The second half of the Autumn term will begin with a bang this year as the whole school joins together to celebrate Sheepy Magna Space Week, marking the 50th anniversary of the Apollo mission to the Moon.

During the week, all of our learning will have a space theme as each class look at different aspects of living in space.

To make this event truly memorable and exciting for the pupils we have arranged two special, educational experiences to take learning out of the classroom- one virtually and the other physically. We have chosen these experiences rather than visits to local attractions, such as the National Space Centre, because of the costs associated with reaching these venues and because we know that many of the children have already visited either with the school or with family.

The first experience we have secured is a Virtual Reality journey through space presented by a specialist, professional company who will visit the school. Each child will experience space travel through the use of individual Virtual Reality headsets in sessions that have been tailored to the age and needs of each group of children.

Later in the week, classes will be immersed in a new environment as we learn within a planetarium situated for the day in All Saints Church. Each class will have a session tailored to their focus for the week: the Year 5/6 session will focus on Mars, the year 3/4 session on the Apollo moon landing, the Year 1/2 session will focus on the Earth and Space whilst Reception children will visit the planetarium for "Storytime Under the Stars".

In order for events like this to take place, we are asking parents for a donation of £6 and you will get a message from our electronic school money system. All monies paid for experiences like this are voluntary, but if we do not receive enough contributions to cover the costs, they may have to be cancelled.

Yours sincerely

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