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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Re: Year 3 Creekside Centre Trip, Thursday 25th May

Linked to our geography learning on rivers, we have booked an exciting day at the Creekside Centre in Deptford (www.creeksidecentre.org.uk). We have booked the 'KS2 Rivers at Low Tide' activity. In the morning there will be an introduction to physical geography - we will learn aspects of the water cycle, rivers, Deptford Creek and tides. Next, we will prepare to enter Deptford Creek to conduct some geographical skills and fieldwork - everyone gets waders, waterproof jackets and sticks for safe wading in the river! We will then have a river walk along Deptford Creek, with various activities about human and physical geography, focusing on the history, geography and ecology of the area. After lunch, the afternoon activities will be historic artefact handling.

We will travel to the Creekside Centre by bus. **Children will need to bring a packed lunch and drink.** There is no shop visit, so children won't need to bring any money.

The Creekside Centre will provide waders (long wellies) for everyone entering the creek, so nobody needs to bring wellie boots. The waders go from adult size 2 to size 13. If your child's feet are smaller, please can they bring extra socks to boost them up to size. Please can you let your child know their foot size before they come, as this will help with the handing out of waders. For walking around the centre and grounds during other times, robust comfortable shoes/trainers are best. The Creekside Centre advise everyone to bring some spare clothes to change into in case you get wet (please don't pack too many things, as the children will need to carry their bags to and from the centre). If the weather on the day is cold, the centre recommends wearing layers of old, warm clothes, gloves, a hat and coat. They provide waterproofs to cover coats to protect them from water and mud. They ask that coats are not too long (particularly below knee length), as they will dangle in the water. Also, they ask that you do not wear skirts, as they are difficult to wear with waders footwear. If the weather on the day is hot, please put sunscreen on before school and can children bring a fleece or long-sleeved T-shirt as there is a constant breeze down the Creek that can be cooling even on the hottest day.

We are always grateful for any parents or guardians who are able to accompany us on trips and rely on parental support for these to take place, so if you would like to help out, please email the office and we will get back to you shortly. Voluntary trip payments via the Products section on MCAS make these trips possible, if you can contribute, this would be greatly appreciated. Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,
Mrs Rowe and Miss Cole

(Please note: Mr Leslie will be leading Mrs Rowe's class on the trip.)