

5<sup>th</sup> November 2025

Year 5 Trip to The Gordon Brown Centre

Dear Parents and Friends of Castle Hill,

We are very excited to inform you that we have been selected to receive a free visit for the pupils of Year 5 to attend The Gordon Brown Centre in Rotherwick, near Basingstoke, on **Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> January**. Both Greenbank and Rooksdown Year 5 pupils will be attending together.

This is a wonderful opportunity for the children to enjoy a fun, action-packed day of outdoor learning and adventure at the Centre's beautiful 25-acre woodland site. During the day, the children will take part in a range of exciting activities, including:

- Trim Trail Obstacle Course
- Archery Target Challenge
- Campfire & S'mores Making
- Meet the Centre Animals

The visit itself is completely free, thanks to The Gordon Brown Centre's Residential Programme 'Taster Day'. However, we are asking for a voluntary contribution of £7.50 per child to help cover the cost of the coach.

The amounts are calculated assuming that each child takes part and contributes to ensure we raise sufficient funds. Please note should there be insufficient voluntary contributions the school reserves the right to cancel or postpone the trip. The school does not make any profit on these trips and so by making these contributions you are helping to ensure that the school funds go further. ***Please note that if your child receives pupil premium funding the cost of the activity will be covered using their funding allocation.***

As we are a cashless school, please pay online via Arbor. If you would like a link code to set up an online payment account, please contact the school office.

Children will need to bring a packed lunch and a drink (no glass bottles or fizzy drinks, please). As we will be outdoors for most of the day whatever the weather, so the children should come dressed appropriately in warm, outdoor clothing including:

- Gloves
- A waterproof coat
- Either wellies or old waterproof trainers.

We do not expect the children to wear school uniform for this trip.

We are really looking forward to an exciting and memorable day in the great outdoors!

Kind regards,

The Year 5 Team