

17 November 2010

Dear Parents

**Wildlife Club visit to Star Copse Wood, Compton on Saturday 4 December 2010**

I would like to offer Wildlife club members the opportunity to visit Star Copse Wood, Compton on 4 December. The wood is classified as ancient deciduous woodland and so far 800 species of plants and animals have been identified there, including at least three rare plant species.

We will depart from school by minibus at 9am and travel directly to the wood. We will be particularly fortunate to have with us Mr Graham Roberts OP, an experienced Ecologist who will be demonstrating mist netting and bird ringing, weather permitting. Feeding and baiting are already underway at the wood in preparation for the event. If conditions are right, we also hope to prepare plaster casts of animal prints that we were unable to complete in May when the ground was too dry. We should return to school by approximately 2.30pm.

Pupils should wear appropriate warm clothing but sturdy, waterproof shoes / boots are essential. Pupils will need to bring a packed lunch and sufficient drinks to last the day (though there are no toilet facilities on site) and antibacterial wipes to use on hands before lunch. Pupils will not have the opportunity to spend any money during the day and there is no charge for the visit.

If you would like your son or daughter to take part in the visit, please complete the slip below and return by Wednesday 1 December at the latest.

If you would like further information, please do not hesitate to contact me by telephone or email [m.bates@pgs.org.uk](mailto:m.bates@pgs.org.uk). I have no doubt that we will have an enjoyable and informative day.

Yours sincerely

**Mrs M Bates**  
**Biology Department**



To: Mrs M Bates, Biology Department, The Portsmouth Grammar School, please return **by Wednesday 1 December**.

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Name of Pupil: \_\_\_\_\_ House / Tutor \_\_\_\_\_

I am happy for my son / daughter to take part in the visit to Star Copse Wood. I understand that pupils will be bound by School Rules.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
(Parent/Guardian)