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SkillZONE Class 5 – Friday 22nd January 2026

Dear Parents,

In January we will be taking the Year 5 children to SkillZONE in Gloucester. SkillZONE is Gloucestershire's only interactive life skills village where children can learn how to keep themselves safe whether at home or in their community.

At SkillZONE, there are 15 different zones within the Life Skills Village, each offering a range of practical activities to help children develop important life skills. These include the bus, dark alley, railway/level crossing and park zones, to name just a few. The children will also take part in Steps to Wellbeing, which involves practical activities designed to build self-confidence, improve self-esteem and develop positive relationships. During our visit, we will be taking part in a selection of these activities.

Class 5 will be going on **Friday 22nd January**. The trip is during school time therefore children will need to arrive as usual in the morning dressed in school uniform and will be back in time for their normal lunch sitting.

The SkillZONE team would like to make you aware of the flowing:

"The SkillZONE experience is designed to expose visitors to controlled situations where hazards are in situ. One of our simulations involves cosmetic smoke. The smoke itself does not cause an asthmatic attack – however, experience has shown that in some cases the thought that smoke is present may trigger an attack."

Any asthma sufferer will need to have their inhaler with them at all times whilst on the trip. Please do get in contact with us if you would like to discuss this further.

We are asking for **£7.75** towards the cost of the coach, which will need to be made using your Parent Pay account by **Tuesday 1st December.**

Although a voluntary contribution is requested, we need to stress that unless there is sufficient interest and willingness to contribute towards the cost, the trip will not be able to go ahead.

For those families in receipt of Free School Meals, the funding will cover the cost of this trip for your child. However, we would ask you to access your Parentpay account in order for you to give consent for your child to go on this trip.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

The Year 5 Team