



# Birches First School

**Believe, Grow, Succeed ...**  
**...to be the best 'me' I can be.**

27th February 2024

## Year 4 Waterways – Canals, Rivers & Ponds – Dudley Canals & Caverns

Dear Parents,

Our Geography unit for Spring 2 is Waterways, where we learn about the differences between canals, rivers and ponds; exploring the different purposes our waterways have and how the changing climate is affecting their use. To help facilitate the children's knowledge of this unit, we have arranged a trip to Dudley Canals & Caverns on **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April**.

We shall be travelling to the trip via coach and spend the day taking part in two different activities. Pupils will be able to take part in a Black Country Canals & Industry Workshop where they will discover how canals were formed and their importance before cars. They will then travel on a canal boat and discover the different uses our waterways have.

We will depart from school at 9.15am and leave the centre at approximately 2:00pm to return to school for 3pm. **Children will need to arrive at school by 8:30am for a prompt start. Please ensure that your child comes to school in their Games Kit: Logoed red hoodie, Logoed white t-shirt, and black jogging bottoms.** Most of the day will be spent outside whatever the weather therefore please ensure the children are suitably dressed.

Below is a list we suggest children to wear:

- Under armour/leggings etc.
- Warm, waterproof coat.
- walking shoes/strong trainers.

Your child will need to bring a packed lunch and a drink in a **named** carrier bag. Please ensure all packaging can be thrown away including drinks bottles, as **everything** will be disposed of. Please only send a suitable amount of food for the trip.

The cost of the Trip is **£24**, this includes the entrance fee for all activities during the day and coach transfers. Payment for the visit is to be made through ParentPay. When you make the payment, you are **giving permission** for your child to attend the trip.

We look forward to an enjoyable day.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Ayling

Year 4 Teacher