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Dear Parents

We will be taking part in an exciting project run by OASES (Outdoor And Sustainability Education Specialists) called **Whispering Woods**.

We have managed to gain funding to a series of sessions which will teach children about the art-form of soundscapes, the changing landscape and the benefit of wild spaces for humans. The work in school will involve Class 1 investigating wildlife around the school grounds and Years 3 + 4 looking at the changing impact of their environment. One of the sessions on learning about soundscapes and the benefit of wild spaces, listening to and recording the sounds of nature and experiencing the benefits of "forest bathing" in Hamsterley Forest will involve children in years R to Y4.

As part of our awarded funding for transport, we will be also able to include Y5 and Y6 in our visit to the Forest, where they will be able to follow their own curriculum based agenda for the day.

The visit will take place on Thursday 17th October, we will travel by Weardale Community Transport, leaving school at approximately 9.20am and returning to school before the end of the school day. Children who usually have a school lunch will be provided with a school packed lunch. Mrs Stephens, Mrs Cowans, Mr Hassan, Miss Wilson, Miss Gledhill and Mr Woods will be accompanying children on the trip.

Uniform must be worn and can you please ensure that your child has suitable footwear and clothing for a trip to the forest. No extra money will be required for the visit or any of the school sessions.

I would be grateful if you could complete our consent form below for this visit and also the attached consent form from OASES to allow photographs of your child to be used for their own promotional material.

If you have any questions about the project or the visit to the forest, please ask either Mrs Stephens or the school office.

Many thanks

L Cowans

Mrs L Cowans, Head Teacher

 Childs name:

I am aware of the full day school trip to Hamsterley Forest on Thursday 17th October.

Parent/carer signature: Date

