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Launch Date – It’s go time!

Dear Parent/Carer,

We are delighted to announce that the weather has cleared, the wind has calmed and we have a launch date for our ‘Out of this World’, High Altitude Balloon project. We are aiming to launch from Finsbury Park at 11:00 am on the 18th of July 2017.

As you are aware, your children have been very busy every Monday afternoon to make this project a reality, and have all participated in building the payload and planning the flight plan. Children from Shacklewell will be transported by taxi, while a teacher will accompany the Grazebrook children on a short walk to Woodberry Down at the start of the school day. The team will then walk up to Finsbury Park where we will assemble and inflate the balloon. Once the balloon has been released we will take to the Federation mini-bus and travel towards the estimated drop zone. Currently, according to the latest weather statistics, the estimated drop zone is in the Harlow area. It is important to add that the destination may change subject to weather conditions on the day, and simulations have taken us as far as Chelmsford.

During flight the children will be responsible for tracking the balloon through a number of GPS and GSM devices, in order to ensure that we are able to recover the data once it has landed. The estimated flight time will be approximately 2 hours. Once the payload has been recovered, we will have a picnic lunch and head back to the relevant schools to drop your children off.

Please make sure your child is dressed for the weather with a suitable pair of shoes, as we may need to walk off road to recover the payload. Your child will require a packed lunch.

We’re thoroughly looking forward to the culmination of the project. If you have any further questions, please don’t hesitate to contact me directly at the school.
Please sign the permission slip below.

Yours respectfully,

Rory McGrath
Assistant Headteacher

I do / do not give permission for my childin classto attend the HAB balloon trip on the 18th of July 2017

My child will need the following medication.....

My child will/will not need a school pack lunch.

Signed.....Date.....