

Dear Parents

Reception has an exciting trip to Hertfordshire Zoo planned as part of our Summer term topic: Living and Growing. The purpose of the visit will be for the children to learn about different animals, their habitats, life cycles and how to care for them. Each class will take part in a mini meet, where they will meet the animal's keeper, have a personal educational talk and have the opportunity to ask questions.

All classes will be visiting Hertfordshire Zoo on Thursday 25 April 2024. We will be travelling by coach. The children will be leaving school promptly at 9:15am and will return at 3pm in time for a normal pick up at the end of the school day.

The cost of this trip is **£36.00** which will cover the coaches, entry to the zoo and a mini meet experience. We understand the financial commitment involved, and in our curriculum planning, we carefully consider this aspect. The trip offers extensive learning opportunities that surpass the experience itself. Therefore, we will only seek contributions for one trip this year. In accordance with the 1996 Education Act, we have to ask for 'voluntary contribution' towards the cost of the trip. In the unlikely event that the costs cannot be covered by contributions, the trip will be cancelled. If your child is eligible for Pupil Premium or has Free School Meals the school can support you. Voluntary contributions to be paid via ParentMail > Payment Item > Shop > Hertfordshire Zoo by 15 April 2024 at the latest.

Your child is entitled to Universal Free School Meals so school can provide a packed lunch which will consist of a cheese sandwich, a piece of fruit and vegetable sticks or you can provide your own packed lunch in a labelled plastic bag (no nuts - including spreads such as peanut butter and Nutella). You will need to provide a bottle of water for your child. (No fizzy drinks or glass bottles please) Please indicate whether your child will require a school packed lunch by 15 April 2024. *Please do not order lunch for your child if you are going to send your own packed lunch.*

Your child should wear their school uniform, comfortable shoes and ensure they have appropriate clothing for the weather. We can update you on this nearer the time.

If you are available and would like to accompany us on the trip, please express your interest on ParentMail by 15 April 2024 and your class teacher will confirm parent volunteers once all responses have been submitted.

All children on our asthma register must make sure they have an up to date pump with them on the day. Children without their pumps will not be allowed to go.

Please contact your child's class teacher if you wish to discuss this class visit.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

The Reception Team