

Tuesday 22nd October 2019

Colchester Zoo Trip

Dear Parents/Carers,

As part of our Rainforest Topic next term we will be visiting Colchester Zoo. This exciting experience will particularly enhance and support the science aspect of the curriculum on animals in their habitats as well as providing some inspiration for your child's English lessons where we will debate the benefits of animals being kept in zoos, conservation and deforestation as well as writing non-chronological reports on animals. This trip is a lovely opportunity for lots of learning links.

The visits will take place on:

Monday 18th November 2019- 4 Kemp, 4 Sturgeon and 4 White

Friday 22nd November 2019- 4 Hughes, 4 King, 4 Pettet

We will be travelling by coach and will be leaving school at 9.15 and arriving back in time for the end of the school day. Your child will need to be dressed appropriately for the weather as there will be outside activities as well as an indoor taught session on Rainforest Animals. Children should wear their usual school uniform and normal school shoes. Please ensure that children bring a waterproof jacket or coat.

On the day, your child will require a healthy packed lunch to be kept in a rucksack or backpack as it will be carried around the zoo to be enjoyed at one of the designated picnic areas. If your child is entitled to free school meals the school will provide a packed lunch for the trip unless you notify the school office to the contrary by the 11th November.

The cost of the trip is £14 which includes the cost of coach travel and entry into the Zoo. Entrance to the Zoo is free to children who have their own Gold Card but we will require a payment of £7 to cover the cost of the coach transport. In line with Government regulations, this amount can only be asked for as a voluntary contribution. However, I must stress that if enough donations are not received then the trip will have to be cancelled. The school has no funding for trips of this nature. If your child has a Gold Card please can you bring it into school by Monday 11th of November where we will keep it safe until the day of your child's visit. This also applies to any adults who volunteer and are asked to accompany us to the Zoo.



We encourage all payments to be made via the online payment system but should this not be possible then payment can be made by cheque which should be made payable to Moulsham Junior School and placed in an envelope clearly marked with your child's name, class and 'Colchester Zoo'. The deadline for payment is **Monday 11th of November**. If you require any help with our online system please contact a member of the office staff.

Owing to the expense of this trip we request that children are not to bring any extra spending money on the day as we will not be visiting the gift shop on this occasion.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours Sincerely

Miss K Brown
(Head of Year 4)