

21<sup>st</sup> November 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

### Year 4 Abberton Reservoir Nature Reserve

As part of our final topic, It's a Jungle Out There! (Rainforest Topic), in the second half of the Summer Term, we will be visiting Abberton Reservoir Nature Reserve and the visitor centre. This exciting experience will particularly enhance and support the science aspect of the curriculum on animals in their habitats, how animals are adapted to their environment and other identification challenges.

#### **The visits will take place on:**

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June 4 Hughes and 4 Sturgeon**

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> June 4 Kemp, 4 White and 4 Pettet**

We will be travelling by coach and will be leaving school just after 9.00am and departing from Abberton by 2pm, therefore 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. Children should wear their usual school uniform and both suitable/comfortable footwear since there will also be a lot of walking. Please ensure that children bring a waterproof jacket or coat if the forecast is for rain or a sunhat and sun cream if the weather is predicted to be hot since we will be spending a significant amount of time outside. Please ensure that they have enough fluids to drink throughout the day should the weather be hot.

On the day of their visit your child will require a healthy packed lunch to be kept in a rucksack or backpack. 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. The cost of the trip is £18 which includes the cost of coach travel and entry into Abberton Reservoir. To enable you to spread the cost over the coming months this trip will be available online as from today enabling you to pay off small amounts if you wish to do so.

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.



To pay please log onto your online account on the Tucasi (SCOPAY) website, this can be accessed through a link on the school website. If you require any help with setting up or using the online payment system please contact a member of the office staff. All contributions need to be received by **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2023**.

In our recent parent survey on trips, suggestions were raised by multiple parents whereby facilities could be put in place to allow families to contribute a donation towards a 'friends' place on a trip, especially if this meant that more children could attend and that the trips were less likely to be cancelled due to lack of funds.

We really are grateful for such thoughtful ideas and therefore, if anyone would like to make an incredibly generous donation in this way then we are able to adjust the payment parameters against a trip/event online and you would just simply need to email [finance@moulsham-jun.essex.sch.uk](mailto:finance@moulsham-jun.essex.sch.uk) and we can update your account to allow additional funds to be paid.

Yours Sincerely

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