

25th March 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

Whole school trip to Marwell Zoo: Friday 10th June 2022

We are very excited that, after a break of 3 years, we have been able to plan a whole school trip, for the summer term. Before the restrictions of the Covid-19 pandemic were brought in, during March 2020, the children at Solent Infant School would enjoy an annual school visit to the same destination, on the same day, as a shared learning experience. This year, we have chosen Marwell Zoo because it links in with the curriculum of all 3 year groups and it is also a large, open venue.

During the day, the children will be able to discover all of the wonderful animals and birds at Marwell Zoo, led by their class teacher and learning support assistants. This visit will provide a fantastic 'hook' for a large amount of our learning, during the second half of the summer term. For example, in the week following the school visit to Marwell, the children will be using their experiences, photographs and observations to participate in a whole school Arts Week linked to Colour, Print and Pattern.

In order to make this trip as successful as possible there are a number of costs involved: entry to Marwell Zoo is £8.12 per child and the cost of the coaches is approximately £2530. We are therefore seeking contributions of **£20.00** per child. We appreciate that the cost of this trip may be high for some families so you are able to pay in 2 instalments as follows:

- £10 due by 22nd April 2022
- £10 due by 20th May 2022

Families already registered with Portsmouth City Council in relation to low income related free school meals are not expected to contribute (this does not include the Government Universal Free School meal entitlement).

You will be able to pay online via the Pay 360 website using your debit or credit card. This is our preferred method of payment, but you can, of course, pay by using cash (*All cash should be in a sealed envelope with your child's name and class written on the front*) or cheque (*payable to Solent Infant School*) if you like. If you do not have details of how to pay online, please [CLICK HERE](#), for help.

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The children will be travelling with the staff by Lucketts coaches which are all fitted with seatbelts. The coaches will be leaving school at 9.00am promptly and leaving Marwell Zoo from approximately 2.00pm to return to school for 3:15pm. On the morning of the trip, please ensure your child arrives at school by 8:50am to ensure we are not delayed in leaving.

We will need some volunteers for this trip and we will be asking those who have completed the volunteer application form and are therefore part of our “bank” of school volunteers.

The children will need to wear school uniform for this trip. If the weather is hot, please ensure your child has a named hat. You may also wish to apply sun cream before school. If your child needs to re-apply during the day, they will need to carry and apply this themselves. If it is wet weather, please ensure your child has a named raincoat.

A packed lunch with drink (not fizzy or in a glass bottle) is required for all children, this can be prepared by you or by us, please indicate your preference on the online form. You will need to supply a water bottle for your child for use during the day and a fruit snack for break. We are also asking for all children to be supplied with a carrier bag to sit on whilst eating their lunch. The children will be required to carry their own lunch and therefore they will need to bring this in a child sized rucksack. School packed lunch children will also need to bring a rucksack to pack their lunch into before we leave school.

Please complete the online consent form [HERE](#) with emergency contact details for the day, along with an indication of your payment method and lunch arrangements. Alternatively, visit the ‘School Life/Event Booking’ page on our website and follow the link. Please complete this form by Wednesday 4th May 2022.

We do hope you are able to support this exciting trip.

Yours sincerely

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