

10th March 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

### **Whole school trip to Queen Elizabeth Country Park: Friday 23rd June 2023**

Last year, after a break of 3 years, we were able to plan a successful, whole-school trip to Marwell Zoo, for the summer term. This year, we are excited to share that we have planned another whole-school trip: we will be heading out into the great outdoors to explore! We will be spending the day at Queen Elizabeth Country Park where we will be participating in workshops, den building and a HUGE picnic.

In order to make this trip as successful as possible there are a number of costs involved: entry to Queen Elizabeth Country Park is £1 per child and the cost of the coaches is approximately £3900. We are therefore seeking contributions of **£16.50** per child. We have tried to keep the cost as low as possible, choosing somewhere that has a low entry cost but we appreciate that the cost of this trip may be high for some families. Therefore, you are able to pay in 2 instalments as follows:

- £8.50 due by 21st April 2023
- £8.00 due by 19th May 2023

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.

The children will be travelling with the staff by Lucketts Coaches which are all fitted with seatbelts. The coaches will be leaving school at 9.15am promptly and leaving Queen Elizabeth Country Park from approximately 2.30pm 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.

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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 their usual school uniform top and cardigan/ jumper, for this trip, as well as long leggings or jogging bottoms – no jeans please. 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 3rd May 2023.**

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

Yours sincerely

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