

11<sup>th</sup> February 2025

Dear Parents/Carers

**Whole school trip to Marwell Zoo: Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2025**

We are very excited that the children at Solent Infant School will be enjoying a whole school visit, this summer, to the same destination, on the same day, as a shared learning experience. We have chosen Marwell Zoo because it links in with the curriculum of all three year groups and the site's facilities suit our large numbers!

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 their learning, during the second half of the summer term.

In order to make this trip as successful as possible, there are a number of costs involved: entry to Marwell Zoo is £9.40 per child and the cost of the coaches is approximately £4495. We are therefore seeking contributions of **£26.00** per child. We appreciate that the cost of this trip may seem high for some families so you are able to pay in 3 instalments, if you wish to, as follows:

- £10 due by 28<sup>th</sup> February 2025
- £10 due by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025
- £6 due by 30<sup>th</sup> April 2025

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 Arbor App on the "Trips" section.

The children will be travelling with the staff by Portsmouth City 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 that we are not delayed in leaving.

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 this 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.

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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 book your school packed lunch via the permissions form below. **School packed lunches must be booked by Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> June at 9am.** 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 ensure that your emergency contact details, and medical information are up to date on Arbor as these are the details we will be using on the day.**

Please click the link [HERE](#) to complete the permissions form.

**Now go to the “Trip” section of the Arbor App to make payment.**

We anticipate needing 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.

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

Yours sincerely

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