

19th March 2024

Year R Wellington Country Park Trip – 1st May 2024

Dear Parents and Friends of Castle Hill,

On **Wednesday 1st May 2024**, Year R will be visiting Wellington Country Park near Reading. The farm visit links to our learning during the summer half term with a focus on the children's understanding of the natural world and to draw observations from animals through observation and discussion. The day includes access to the park where there is a nature trail, a big adventure play area, and life size dinosaur park. It also includes a train ride and a farm workshop which is 45 mins to an hour long and led by a member of their staff.

The children will need to be at school at **8:40am prompt** and we will be back by the end of the school day. Please let us know if your child suffers from travel sickness. The children will need appropriate clothing and shoes depending on the weather. They may wear casual clothing. We recommend that they take a pair of wellington boots with them as they will be predominately working outside and the centre does have animals there. If it is a wet day, the children will need a waterproof coat and if it is a sunny day, please put sun cream on your child and ensure they are wearing a sun hat. Your child will need a water bottle and a small named rucksack. Please ensure that the children do not bring a glass bottle or a fizzy drink.

The children will be provided with a packed lunch made by the school, so please order via Scopay either a cheese roll (V), ham roll (M) or you can provide your own packed lunch (no nuts please) by **Wednesday 17th April**.

We are requesting a contribution of **£16.50** for this activity. **Payment can be made via Scopay from 1st April 2024**.

This amount is calculated assuming that each child takes part and contributes to ensure we raise sufficient funds. Please note should there be insufficient voluntary contributions, the school reserves the right to cancel or postpone the trip. In order for us to be able to attend the trip, we do need some parent volunteers, please can you select the tick box via Scopay if you are able to help. Please email the school office if your child has any medical conditions we are not aware of.

Please note that if your child receives **pupil premium funding**, this will be paid for from their allocation.

As we are a cashless school, please pay online via scopay.com. If you would like a link code to set up an online payment account, please contact the school office. No cash please.

To give permission for your child to attend this trip please tick the consent box on Scopay by Wednesday 17th April at the latest.

We are looking forward to an exciting day. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any queries.

Yours sincerely,

Year R Team