

27th February 2025

Year 4 Marwell Zoo Trip – Friday 28th March 2025

Dear Parents and Friends of Castle Hill,

As part of our summer topic, "Saving the World," we are excited to visit Marwell Zoo to learn more about conservation and protecting endangered species. This trip will give us the opportunity to see how zoos play a vital role in preserving wildlife and educating people about the importance of caring for our planet. By understanding how we can help protect animals and their habitats, we can all take small steps towards making a big difference for the future of our world.

We have introduced this school trip as a one off for the year group at Rooksdown as their swimming lessons have been postponed to September. This year group also missed out on the Marwell Zoo trip that normally happens in Year 2.

We will be leaving school at 9:00am and will be returning in time for the end of the day. There will be a break for lunch and we request that all children bring a healthy packed lunch with them (no nuts, fizzy drinks or glass bottles please). If your child is eligible for Free School Meals, a school packed lunch can be provided and you can pre-order this via the Scopay consent form.

We are therefore requesting a voluntary contribution of **£18.50 per child** for this activity. This amount covers the entrance fee to Marwell and the transport. It is calculated assuming that each child takes part and makes a contribution to ensure we raise sufficient funds. Please note should there be insufficient contributions, the school reserves the right to cancel or postpone the trip.

As we are a cashless school, please pay online via Scopay.com **by Monday 10th March**. If you would like a link code to set up an online payment account, please contact the school office. No cash please.

If your child is in receipt of Pupil Premium funding this will be paid for from their allocation.

In order for us to be able to attend the trip, we do need some parent volunteers. Please can you select the tick box on the form via Scopay if you are able to help. Medical conditions can also be added here. Permission will need to be given for your child to attend via the form too.

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

Yours sincerely,

Year 4 Team