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Dear Parents/Guardians

RECEPTION, YEAR 1 AND 2 SCHOOL TRIP TO YORKSHIRE WILDLIFE PARK, DONCASTER – Wednesday 12 July

To enhance our learning in the Summer term, we have provisionally booked a visit to the Yorkshire Wildlife Park, near Doncaster. The Park has a great range of animals, including some which are critically endangered. We have been on trips previously to the park and were really impressed with the organisation and facilities. The animals look in superb condition and the enclosures for them are excellent with plenty of room for them to roam around. The animals are clearly visible and there is also opportunity for visitors to wander through enclosures containing lemurs and wallabies which all add to the excitement!

As well as exploring the animals across the park, we have also booked the children onto an educational workshop entitled 'Aren't Animals Amazing' for Reception children and 'Rainforest' for Years 1 and 2. In these workshops children learn about different habitats and adaptations. They will learn about some of the animals in the Yorkshire Wildlife Park collection that live in these various habitats and what they need to survive there. The session includes being hands on with a range of animal bio-facts and live animals.

We intend to leave school at 9.00 am by two coaches, **so please arrive at school by 8.45 am.** We will set off from Doncaster at 2.45 pm, to ensure that the children have enough time at the park. This will mean that **we will arrive back at school later than the official end time and we estimate that we should be back at school by 4pm.** Please note the following:-

- Children will need to be in school uniform with proper shoes or trainers (no sandals) as some areas could be muddy if there has been rain.
- Children will need a pack up, either provided by school or to bring in one of their own. (Please indicate on the tear off slip below which option you are choosing)
- A water bottle in a rucksack as well as a drink for lunch if you are providing their packup. (No fizzy drinks please)
- A waterproof coat as the whole visit will be in the open air.
- A sun hat and sun cream if it is forecast to be hot and sunny. The children need to be able to apply the suncream themselves or arrive at school having had suncream applied at home.



The South York Multi-Academy Trust. Please see our website for a full list of our partner primary schools. Registered address: Fulfordgate, Heslington Lane, Fulford, York YO10 4FY. A charitable company limited by guarantee, registered in England and Wales. Company registration number:11082297 The cost of the visit to the Wildlife Park which includes entry, the workshop and coach fare is £20.63 per child. This is of course a voluntary contribution, but if insufficient funds are received then we will not be able to go ahead with the trip. Please could all permission slips and voluntary contributions be sent to the class teacher by Friday 16th June. These need to be in a named envelope with cheques made payable to South York MAT or paid via ParentPay.

Whilst there is a gift shop on site, a decision has been taken not to visit it, as it will take up valuable time from visiting the animals, so therefore your child will not need to take any extra money with them.

If your child has any allergies (including hayfever) that may affect them on this visit, please ensure that staff know about these prior to the visit, and that any medication is accompanied by a signed medication sheet from the School Office.

In order for the trip to go ahead, we will need 7 parent helpers. Unfortunately, due to the size of the coaches, we will not be able to take additional parent helpers. Please could you indicate on the slip below if you would like to be a helper on the trip. Names will be drawn from a hat if there are more helpers than we require.

We are certain that the children will have an amazing day, learn lots of new things and have lots of fun. If you have any questions on the above, please see your child's teacher.

Ninu regards
Key Stage 1 Team
Name of child
I give/ do not give permission for my child to attend the trip to Yorkshire Wildlife Park. (Delete as applicable)
I enclose a voluntary donation of £20.63 (Cheques payable to South York Mat or ParentPay)
I am able to help on the day (please tick if appropriate)
My child would like a school packed lunch (one sandwich, carrot & cucumber sticks, juice, flapjack or fresh fruit) Please indicate one choice of sandwich.
Cheese Ham
My child will bring a packed lunch and a drink from home.

Signed		

Kind rogards



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