



19th January 2024

Year 1 Trip to Colchester Zoo

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are excited to inform you that a school trip to Colchester Zoo is planned for Year 1 on **Friday 1st March**.

During our visit we have secured a “teaching and learning session” with the Zoo’s Outreach team, where the children will find out about Farms around the World, which will not only link to our Geography focus subject but also Science and Design and Technology. The children were able meet the Outreach team in the Autumn Term, when they became “lemurs” for the morning, which they all thoroughly enjoyed, so we are all really excited to see what this next visit will entail! A sneaky peek at the zoo website has told us that it will involve “banana bread” and role play!

We will also be able to join the Zoo Keeper talks that take place at various different animal enclosures during the day.

For more information about the zoo please visit their website <https://www.colchester-zoo.com/>

This will be a fun-filled and valuable learning opportunity for all of the children, and we are all looking forward to our visit.

In order for the trip to take place, we will also need a number of volunteers to come along on the day, to support the children during travel and activities. If you are willing to support your child’s class during the trip, please indicate your interest on the form below. Our volunteers always help to make school trips even more special for the children and their help is greatly appreciated!

As per our Governor policy on charging, we request a voluntary contribution of **£17** towards the cost of zoo entrance, transport and Outreach room and equipment hire.

If your child has a “**gold card**” please can you indicate this on the attached form, a voluntary contribution of **£10** towards transport and activities at the zoo will be requested.

Although contributions are voluntary, we must stress that if we receive insufficient funds, the trip will not be able to go ahead.

We also request that you advise us in advance if your child suffers with hayfever or travel sickness.

Please return this in a sealed envelope marked with your child’s name and class, along with the completed form at the bottom of this letter to the office.

Further details regarding the day will be sent out at a later date regarding uniform and lunch arrangements etc.

We are very much looking forward to our first school trip this year!

Thank you for your support,
Year 1 Teachers



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Child's Name: _____ Class: _____

Parent/Carer's Name: _____

Delete as appropriate:

My child **has** a valid Zoo Gold Card and I am willing for the school to take this with them on the day.

My child **does not** have a Zoo Gold Card

I enclose a contribution of £10 towards the cost of transport and activities and will provide a valid Gold Card to staff on the morning of the visit.

I enclose a contribution of £17 towards the cost of transport, entrance to the zoo and activities provided.

I **am able** to volunteer and support my child's class.

I am not able to volunteer my support