



Bishop William Ward C of E (VA) Primary School

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Headteacher: Mr Toby Bull

11th January 2018

Dear Parents,

We are hoping to take Year 2 and Foundation Stage children on a zoo trip on **Tuesday 6th February**. These two classes are sharing the date of this trip to reduce the coach costs, which is the most expensive aspect of a school trip.

The total combined cost of our Africa zoo trip **and** an African Drum Workshop organised for later in the term is £15.00. This voluntary contribution can be reduced to £8.00 if your child has a zoo gold card, giving them free admittance. If we do not receive sufficient contributions, it may be necessary to cancel the trip.

Colchester Zoo Trip: The coach will leave school at 9.15 am and return by the end of the school day. During the trip, the Year 2 children will attend a workshop themed on African habitats – linking to our current geography theme.

Children should wear **school uniform** and they will need to bring a named back-pack containing:

- *A packed lunch and drink (which can be provided by the school, if ordered)
- *A warm coat/waterproof coat
- *Comfortable shoes
- *Spending money of up to £3

Please notify us **within the next week** if your child has a zoo pass – as the school's invoice from the zoo will need to take account of this and the ratio of supervising adults to pupils is reduced because of the passes. The zoo states that *zoo gold cards must accompany the child on the day*.

If you, as a parent, also have a zoo pass it would be lovely to have you join us as a helper for the day. Please pop in to speak with me or Mrs Wheatstone if you think you are able and willing. Due to limited coach places, you will need to meet us at the zoo with your passes or admittance ticket.

Lunch: Should you wish to pre-order a school packed lunch, please indicate this on that week's dinner form.

Medication: If your child is prone to travel sickness and requires medication for this, please notify us in the days leading up to the trip or on the slip below, and pop into the office to sign medication forms and clarify when medication needs to be administered. School inhalers will accompany us on the day.

African Drumming Workshop: The children's African Drumming workshop will be an all day workshop, exclusively for Year 2, at school during the week commencing 26th March. I am awaiting confirmation of the date at the moment.

Please return the attached permission slip, along with any money by Monday 5th February. Please do also let us know by Thursday 2nd February if your child has a zoo pass as well as indicating on the slip below.

Thank you for your continued support, Mrs Davis and the Year 2 team

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Year 2 Africa Zoo Trip and Drumming Workshop

Please return to the school office by **Monday 5th February**

Child's Name.....

I give my permission for my child to attend Colchester Zoo on Tuesday 6th February and enjoy the African Drum Workshop.

Signed.....(Parent/Guardian)

Please find enclosed voluntary contribution of (please tick):

£15.00

or

£8.00*

*my child has a Gold Card (which they will have with them on the day of the trip.)

My child is prone to travel sickness and will require medication to help. I will explain these requirements to the Office staff.

(Tick if necessary)

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