



THE
GILES NURSERY
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Dear Parents / Carers,

Year 2 visit to RSPB Rye Meads, Hoddesdon, Hertfordshire
Penguins and Pelicans – Wednesday 24th April 2024
Puffins – Thursday 25th April 2024

We are very excited to confirm that we have arranged for the Year 2 children to visit RSPB Rye Meads nature reserve as a fantastic start to the summer term topic of 'Nature Detectives'.

During the visit, the children will take part in two programmes of learning. In the first session, they will discover land minibeasts and learn about their microhabitats. In the second session, they will explore pond minibeasts through a pond dipping activity.

Due to the number of children attending, the visits will take place on two consecutive days. Penguin and Pelican classes will attend on Wednesday 24th April. Puffin class will attend on Thursday 25th April. We will travel by coach, departing school at 9.15am. We will depart Rye Meads at 2.30pm so should be back in time for pick up at 3.10pm.

Clothing:

This experience day is going to be based outside. Children should wear school uniform for the trip and appropriate waterproof footwear with closed toes. Waterproof trainers or wellies are best. Children should apply suncream before coming to school and bring a sunhat in their bag. They should also bring a raincoat, just in case of rain. We hope that we will have a couple of warm, sunny days but in the event of a cold spell, please make sure your child is wearing appropriate clothing to keep them warm.

Lunch:

Children will need to bring a packed lunch and drinks to take with them. It is easier to take plastic bottles of water, to avoid a personal water bottle being misplaced. Cartons are best wrapped in a plastic bag in case of leakages. The fresh air is sure to bring on an appetite so we would recommend a hearty lunch and some healthy snacks. Please remember that no nut products can be included in packed lunches due to allergies.



Bags:

Children should bring their packed lunch wrapped in a plastic bag within a back pack, to keep their hands free when walking to the classroom area where they will store their belongings. Plastic lunchboxes should be left at home. The children will need to be able to carry all of their belongings, as accompanying staff members will be carrying first aid kits and individual medications.

Cost and consent:

The cost of coach hire has risen steadily in the past few years, which has had a big impact on the cost of school trips. With this in mind, we wanted to make you aware as early as possible of the cost of the trip, which is £26.25. You can pay for the trip in one payment, or over three instalments, via Arbor.

Option 1

One payment of £26.25 by Thursday 28th March.

Option 2

Payment one - £8.75 by Wednesday 31st January.

Payment two - £8.75 by Thursday 29th February.

Payment three - £8.75 by Thursday 28th March.

You will need to give consent for your child to attend at the time of payment. If you have any concerns about the cost of the trip, please speak to your child's class teacher.

Coach travel:

If your child suffers with motion sickness and requires anti-nausea medication for the coach journey, please let us know in advance.

Volunteers:

At present we have the correct amount of adults to cover the adult to child ratio required for external visits. However, if this changes and we require volunteers, we will let you know.

This is sure to be an exciting day for the children, but if you or your child have any concerns, please speak to your child's class teacher.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Hill, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Trott and Mrs. Humphrey