

*'Live Fully, Laugh Often, Learn Deeply,
Love as God Loves You and Let Your Light Shine!'*

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Year 1 are off on a school trip! We will be taking the children to **Thorndon Country Park** on **Friday 1st May**. They will have lots of opportunities to take part in outdoor learning activities and will spend the day with all of their classmates. We cannot wait!

We would ask for a contribution of £25.50 towards the cost of the trip, which includes the coach and activities. Please make payment and give consent online via Scopay.com **from Friday 3rd April**, the start of the financial year, and **by Friday 24th April**. Please contact the school office in confidence, if payment for the trip is a concern for you.

We recommend the following clothing for your child on the day of the trip (they will not need to wear school uniform):

- **Layers of warm clothes** - *it is often cold in the woods, even on a sunny day!*
- **Waterproof coat**
- If you have them, waterproof trousers on wet days
- Sturdy, **waterproof shoes or wellies**, with a grip to the sole - *children should arrive at school wearing these*
- **Hat, scarf and gloves**
- **Warm socks**
- **Spare shoes in a named carrier bag** - *at the end of the day, the children will change out of their wellies into their spare shoes – the carrier bag is essential for the muddy wellies!*

The children **will** be taking part in outdoor learning and **will** get muddy – please bear this in mind when selecting clothes for the day of the trip. Please do check the weather on the day of the trip. Your child **must** bring a coat, even if it appears to be dry. Any spare clothes that your child needs to bring should fit in their rucksack. Please note that the children will be expected to carry their own bag, so please ensure that it is not too heavy.

Your child will need to bring a **packed lunch** to school on the day of the trip. This lunch should be stored in their rucksack. Your child will need **two drinks** (one small drink for lunch and a larger water bottle for the day). Your child's lunch should not contain any sweets, chocolate, fizzy drinks, nuts or nut products.

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Your child will **not** need a camera, money or travel games. Also, they will not need their school book bag and reading wallet. **Your child needs to arrive promptly and ready for the gate to be open at 8.40am and into class quickly.** We will be leaving school at **9.15am** and will return by the end of the school day. Class teachers will take their classes back to the classroom and dismiss the children as per the normal routine.

You may recall that we sent out a plea for parent helpers (before Christmas) – if your help was confirmed, we will be in touch nearer the time.

We hope that your child looks forward to our school trip. Please do not hesitate to email your child's class teacher if you have any questions or concerns.

Yours sincerely,

The Year 1 Team

