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Monday 10th March 2025

Dear Parents and carers,

RE: Wren Class Trip to Bucklebury Farm – Monday 31st March 2025

We would very much like to take the children in Wrens Class to Bucklebury Farm near Reading on Monday 31st March 2025. We will be using the visit to launch our new topic for the Summer Term – Whose Footsteps? The topic will begin with a mini topic based around animals and farming.

Bucklebury Farm is an excellent place to learn about many aspects of the curriculum. It is a 70-acre working farm nestled in the beautiful Pang valley in West Berkshire. The farm is home to an extensive deer herd with four different breeds including red deer, sika, fallow and axis. We are hoping to be able to visit the deer via a tractor ride, if the weather is suitable. The farmyard is also home to a small herd of rare breed Berkshire Pigs, Pygmy and Anglo-Nubian goats, Alpacas, Donkeys, Shetland Ponies, Lambs and a variety of Chickens! We are hoping to meet any Spring new arrivals such as baby lambs, goat kids, rabbits, tortoise and guinea pigs to cuddle and piglets. The day will be led by qualified Bucklebury Farm Staff and will provide opportunities to learn about different farm animals.

We will be taking the children by coach to and from the farm. We will be leaving school at 9:00am and then returning to school for the end of the school day at 3pm. As we would like to leave at 9:00am prompt we would ask that all children are in school at 8:40am so we can register them, make sure they have been to the toilet and on the coach ready to depart at 9:00am. We are unable to wait for late arrivals.

The children will need to bring a packed lunch to school with them on the day. If possible, we would like the lunch to be packed in a backpack. It would be great if all wrappings could be disposed of once the contents have been eaten, so no lunch boxes please. We would also like to request that children ***DO NOT*** bring bananas or kiwi in their packed lunch as we have a child with an allergy to these. The children will also need a water bottle with them for the day and an empty carrier bag to put their wellies or trainers in. The children will need to arrive in school wearing their forest school clothes. They will need to wear the school tracksuit bottoms, PE top and hoodie and a pair of trainers. They will also need a waterproof coat in case of showers. A hat and gloves are advisable if the weather forecast is bad. If the weather forecast is for a very warm, sunny day then we would advise you to apply sun cream in the morning and send a sunhat with your child.

The children will be changing into their wellies prior to leaving school in the morning, and we will be asking the children to take their trainers with them in their carrier bags. The children will change back into their trainers for the return journey home as their wellies could be wet and muddy. The wellies will then be placed in the carrier bag that we have asked your child to provide to bring them back to school.

The subsidised cost for the trip would be £22 per child, which would include a full day guided visit to the farm and the return coach travel cost. We would like to thank the PTA for helping to subsidise the trip with our class cake sale and a £5 donation per child.

We ask that you please make a voluntary contribution via ScoPay (please see Wrens Bucklebury Farm Trip) and by doing so you will be giving permission for your child to go on the trip. Please make payments by Friday 21st March 2024. As always, if you are unable to contribute towards the trip, please let us know in confidence. Permission is required via ScoPay in order for children to attend the trip.

Best wishes,

Mrs D Coe
Class Teacher