

27 March 2024

Dear all,

Year 1 Staunton Park Trip – Thursday 16 May 2024

Following our exciting topic ‘Secret Life of Plants’, we would like to offer the opportunity to our Year 1 pupils, to experience a working farm and the gardens of Staunton Country Park on Thursday 16 May 2024. They will encounter various animals and will feed some of them; pond dipping and exploring the gardens is also on the agenda. We will travel to and from the venue by coach and school minibuses, leaving school at approximately 0915 (pupils should arrive at the normal time of 0830). Pick up will be at the normal time, as we will arrive back at 1450.

Cost and payment detail:

The cost of the visit is **£15.50** but you will not need to contribute as this amount will be deducted from the annual primary trip contribution that you have made for your child. You will have also consented when you made this payment. If there is a change to any medical information since consent, please do let your child’s class teacher know, especially considering the type of activities around animals the trip includes.

Those parents not having paid the annual primary trip contribution – If your child would like to take part in this trip, we are asking for a voluntary contribution of **£15.50** to cover the cost of the trip. Payment should be made on the School’s ParentPay system, where you can also give consent for your child to participate. If you do not have access to ParentPay, please contact the finance office for a ParentPay activation letter.

If insufficient voluntary contributions are made, then it is unlikely that the trip will go ahead. Please contact the School if you would like your child to participate but you have difficulty with making the contribution.

The finance team can be contacted on finance@chichesterfreeschool.org.uk

Items to Take:

Your child must wear their PE kit for this trip and they need to have arms and legs covered. Comfortable footwear is required for walking a fair distance; boots or trainers that you don’t mind getting dirty are needed. Please check the weather forecast and provide suitable outer layers for colder weather. A sun hat and sun cream will need to be provided for warmer weather.

A packed lunch will be provided for your child to take on the day as part of the Early Years FSM provision. If you wish to provide your own packed lunch for your child, please inform your child's teacher by Monday 13 May to ensure lunches are not made and wasted.

We will need parent volunteers to accompany us on this trip. If you would be available to support as a helper, please email Mrs Lewis (klewis@chichesterfreeschool.org.uk) as soon as possible.

Please do also email your child's class teacher to make them aware if they are particularly worried around animals.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Lewis & Mrs Rowlands
Year 1 Class Teachers