



Westlands Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

After speaking to some children in year 5 and some parents at parents evening at the end of last term, we understand that there have been some questions around why year 5 are not going on a school trip this year.

Last year, prior to booking a school trip, we wrote to parents asking them if they would be prepared to pay a certain amount for a trip to Howletts. Coach companies have really put their prices up, which has meant school trips are becoming more expensive.

Most responses from families said they would be prepared to pay the amount we were asking so we went ahead and booked the trip. The school had already subsidised part of the trip to make the cost lower. Unfortunately, a large amount of the money didn't get paid, so the school had to subsidise a great deal of the trip - which we can not afford to do every year. Therefore, the teachers planned in-school experiences for year 5 this year.

We understand this has led to some disappointment, so we have now booked a trip to the Rare Breeds Centre in Term 6. The trip will take place on Wednesday 17th July 2024. This will link to our Curriculum Driver Topic from Terms 3 and 4 on Sow, Grow and Farm as well as the Science focus of Reproduction and Ageing.

A contribution of £23 per child towards the full cost of the trip is required and should be made on ParentPay. However, we need to make you aware that if we do not get enough contribution towards the trip by **Friday 21st June**, we will not be able to run this trip.

The coach will be leaving school at 9.00am and returning to school by hometime at 3.00pm. A school packed lunch can be provided for your child. If not, your child will need to bring a packed lunch. Your child will also need to wear either sturdy shoes, or trainers, alongside their normal school uniform on the day.

All children will need to bring their water bottle as usual.

Please speak to your child's teacher if you have any questions, or to let us know any concerns you have, for example, if your child suffers from travel sickness or you would like to speak to us about payment.

Kind Regards

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