

26th March 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Willows Trip to Otter & Butterfly Farm

To support our Science and Knowledge of the World learning, we are very excited to be planning a trip to the Butterfly Farm at Buckfastleigh on **Thursday 18th April 2024.**

This term we were learning about Living things and their habitats in science. Our experience at the Butterfly Farm will link with our work in class on lifecycles and habitats and our focus on metacognition too! It will be a fantastic opportunity to deepen the children's learning and give them experience to consolidate this area of their learning. Please see below an outline of our day!

9:00am – Toileting. Walk to coach and board. On the journey look for natural and human made geography.

10:00am - Session 1: Arrival and short talk about the day and butterflies. Children will have the opportunity to ask questions of experts about various topics related to their work during the week, including the life cycle, feeding, camouflage, and habitats, as well as comparing and contrasting different habitats.

10:30 – am - Session 2: Explore the butterfly house (children may need to be prepared for some little fluttering and even landing!).

11.15am - Break

11.30am - Session 3: Visit the otter area for feeding and a talk from the keeper. They will be able to ask questions here too.

12:00pm – Lunch in the gardens and ground – Gazebos packed for poor weather.

1:00pm - Session 4: Children will use iPads to explore once more and capture pictures of wildlife, which they can then draw back at school.

2:00pm – Toileting and board coach

2:15pm - Departure



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The children are asked to come wearing their school uniform, along with trainers and raincoats. Please do not send your child with any spending money, as we will not be entering the Gift Shop. All children should bring a packed lunch and a full water bottle for the trip. If you would like to order school packed lunch, please do so using this link:

<https://forms.office.com/e/8SeL19PYaS>

All lunches must be ordered by **Tuesday 16th April 2024**.

We will be boarding the coach at 9am and returning by the end of the school day. Please drop off your child between 8:30am. and 8:40am and collect them at the normal time. If you would like your child to attend, please complete and return the SOE3 consent form to school by **Thursday 28th March 2024**.

To cover the cost of the trip, the PTFA is funding the coach, and the school is covering the entrance fee.

Kind regards,

Willows Staff