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Dear Parents/Carers

Re: Howletts Zoo Trip on Friday 18th July 2014

We are proposing to take the Year 5 classes on an educational visit to Howletts Wild Animal Park on Friday 18th July 2014 which will provide an exciting conclusion to our Topic of 'Animals around the World.'

The children will need to arrive at school for 8:30 am and we are hoping to return for the end of the school day. They will need to bring a packed lunch and drinks (preferably water) which are sufficient for the day in a rucksack. Children who receive free school meals will be provided with a packed lunch by the school kitchen. Children need to come prepared for all weathers including a sun hat/cap and sun cream and waterproof coat or jacket. Full school uniform will also need to be worn.

There is a gift shop, where items may be purchased, but please limit spending money to no more than £7.00 for this is sufficient to buy a small souvenir & an ice-cream if they wish. Please ensure money is in a purse/wallet and is clearly named. Cameras can also be taken but these will be your child's responsibility at all times.

Please let your child's class teacher know if there are any medical requirements on the form below. Children will need to be responsible for taking travel sickness pills if they need them, both before school and before the journey back. Any medication also requires a clear name with instructions of what it is and when it should be taken.

The cost of the trip will be £16.00 which includes entry to the park and the cost of the coach. Some children however may have a Howletts Passport which allows them free entry to the park. If this is the case then please include the passport card with the slip and payment for the coach only (please indicate on the slip below). Please note that <u>all</u> passports need to be presented on arrival at Howletts for free entry - free entry <u>will not</u> be granted without the presentation of the passport card.

We are pleased to announce that this year we are able to offer the Treetop Challenge as an additional activity. The course, which takes 15-20 minutes to complete, costs an extra £3.00 per child. It is a wonderful, safe challenge in which children are harnessed and face sixteen obstacles set in the tree line containing balance beams, tyre curtains, swinging logs, wacky log bridges, cross ropes, cargo nets and finishing on a breath taking zip wire, which brings you back to the ground. Please be aware that there is a minimum height restriction of 1.2 metres, suitable footwear needs to be worn (e.g. trainers) and that it is also subject to weather conditions, identified during the daily risk assessment. Please also note that we require parental consent prior to the trip and there will not be the option to sign up on the day as we need to timetable groups in advance with Howletts. Children that have previously signed up for the challenge but decide on the day they do not want to take part will of course not be forced to do so. However, this will unfortunately be non-refundable. For more information on the Treetop Challenge please visit https://www.aspinallfoundation.org/howletts/animals-attractions/treetop-challenge

I would be grateful if you will sign the consent form below and return it with the payment to your child's class teacher by Friday 4th July 2014. If you would like to volunteer to help on the trip, it would be much appreciated and please indicate this on the reply slip below.

Yours sincerely

| Miss N Spain & The Year 5 Team XXXXXXX | .××××××× |
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| 2014 and I enclose a payment of: | , , , |
| £16.00 - Howletts entry fee and coach cost: | |
| £8.00 for the coach cost and my child's Howletts passport t | for entry on the day: |
| I give permission for my child to take part in the Treetop Challe | enge and I also enclose an additional £3.00 (non-refundable if opt out on the day): |
| I also agree to my son/daughter receiving medication as instruc transfusion, as considered necessary by the medical authorities | ted and any emergency dental, medical or surgical treatment, including anaesthetic or blood s present. |
| Please tick the box if you are willing to help with the trip And print the name below. | Please list any medical requirements here: |
| Name of volunteer: | |
| Signed: | Print name: |