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Thursday 11th September 2025

Reception visit to Harlow Carr

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are delighted to be offering an exciting opportunity for our Reception children, to enhance our curriculum, this half-term. On **Thursday 23**rd **October**, we shall be visiting Harlow Carr gardens, in Harrogate, for the full day. The children will take part in a fantastic 'signs of autumn' staff led workshop and a variety of further activites throughout the day. We are really looking forward to this visit as the children have already shown their love of learning and their increasing understanding of the world. This is a fabulous opportunity for the children to experience learning from first-hand sources and we know they are going to love it.

What time are the children going and how?

We will leave school shortly after morning registration and the children will arrive back before the end of the school day. We shall be travelling to Harlow Carr on a coach fully fitted with seat belts.

What will the children need?

As we will be outside for most of our day, you can choose for your child to wear tracksuit bottoms/leggings with their school t-shirt and cardigan/jumper. It is important that they also have a waterproof coat and children should wear sturdy trainers/boots.

As we are out for the full day, all children will need a packed lunch. This can be supplied by the school kitchen as part of our universal free school meal offer. Packed lunches provided by Dolce will include a sandwich, vegetable sticks, fruit and a cookie/cake (choice of sandwich filling available).

Please indicate on the Parent Pay permissions whether you would like your child to be given a packed lunch from the kitchen, or if you will supply a lunch for them.

Children are also welcome to bring an additional item from home to eat alongside their packed lunch, e.g. a packet of crisps.

It would be very helpful if all children could bring a small backpack to store lunch in so they have their hands free for exploring. We would also advise children to bring their water bottles to drink during the day.

Who will be with the children?

When planning a visit, we always ensure that the children are fully supervised, with an excellent ratio of DBS checked adults to children, throughout the day. All of our Reception team will be attending the visit and we will also have a number of DBS checked volunteers too. At all times, the children will be together as a class.

Permissions and costs

When taking children on a visit, out of the local area, we always ask for parental permission. Please visit your ParentPay account to give permission for your child to attend this visit and also to make a donation, if you are able to. We are pleased to be able to offer this visit for a donation of £7.00 per child. This includes the return coach travel to Harrogate; hopefully you agree this is good value for money. We are also very grateful to our wonderful PTA who are supporting with the cost of the visit to Harlow Carr, including subsidising the travel and the full day of activities that the children will enjoy.

Whilst we are only permitted to politely ask for donations for trips, please be aware that if we do not have enough donations to make the trip financially viable, it may not go ahead.











If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to speak to us. We look forward to sharing our special day with you.

Best wishes

Mrs Deb Robinson Assistant Headteacher

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