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Dear Parents and Carers

Year 1 Portchester Castle visit
Friday 1st March – Zebras and Giraffes Monday 4th March – Lions & Meerkats

During the second half of the Spring Term, as part of our 'Traditional Tales Topic' we will be visiting Portchester Castle. **Zebras and Giraffes** class will visit on **Friday 1st March** and **Lions and Meerkats** class will visit on **Monday 4th March**. We will be leaving school after morning registration and returning before the end of the school day.

As mentioned in our earlier letter regarding Year 1 Enrichment opportunities, we are asking for voluntary contributions to cover the cost of this trip of £13.33 per child, thank you for the contributions already received. If you are yet to pay, this is to be paid online via SCOPAY. We are asking for all contributions to be made by **Wednesday 7th February**. We do need to point out that unfortunately if we do not receive sufficient contributions this opportunity will not be able to take place. In line with the school's charging policy, parents may receive a refund, subject to the school covering their costs, if their child cannot take part in the visit due to illness. Please visit our website if you would like to read the policy in full.

Please complete the online form to give consent for your child to attend the trip, by **Wednesday 7th February**

<https://forms.office.com/e/GbsXHAmB3S>

On the day of the visit children should wear trainers and comfortable trousers with their school uniform shirt and sweatshirt or cardigan, please ensure they have a coat. If the weather is cold the children will need warm clothing i.e. vest, hat, gloves and scarf. Lunch at the castle will be at the slightly later time of 12.30 so please ensure your child has had a good breakfast to keep them going.

Caterlink caterers will provide a packed lunch for each child as part of the Universal Free School Meal entitlement, including those who currently have an agreed special diet with them. However, if you wish to provide your child with a packed lunch please indicate on the consent form online. Please note you will need to provide a drink for your child if they are having a Caterlink packed lunch. Home packed lunches and drinks will need to be in disposable packaging (no glass bottles or cans please), in a named plastic carrier bag.

Prescribed medicines i.e. antibiotics and inhalers will be taken on the visit for those children where a permission form has been signed by parents prior to the visit or for children with a chronic medical condition.

We would appreciate offers of help from parents who are able to accompany the children and work with them in small groups on this visit. Please indicate on the online form if you are able to help and your child's class teacher will reply with a letter in your child's book bag by Friday 9th February

Kind regards,

The Year 1 Team

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