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Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s)

### **Year One Trip to Hillier Gardens – Friday 21 March 2025**

The Year One topic for this half term will focus on learning about how plants grow. To support our work with this topic, we have planned a visit to Hillier Gardens in Romsey. The visit will draw on the expertise of the specialist teachers working alongside our own staff. We will also be looking carefully at the colours found on different plants and learning to distinguish between evergreen and deciduous plants. The day's carefully tailored programme of activities will provide an invaluable aspect of the work we will cover in science and literacy throughout the rest of the half term.

On Friday 21 March, we will be leaving school at 9.15am and travelling to Hillier Gardens by coach. Our programme of learning is scheduled from 10.15am to 2.00pm, after which we will return to school by coach, arriving back at the end of the school day. The coaches will be fitted with lap restraints. Please aim to bring your child in at 8:45am on this day, as there is a fast turnaround from the children's arrival to the coach leaving.

There will be a break in the programme at around 12pm, to enable the children to eat a picnic lunch in or near to the Education Centre at Hillier Gardens. The school can provide your child with a FREE packed lunch at your request. This will consist of either a cheese or ham roll, mini sausage, a biscuit and a piece of fruit or veg sticks. We ask that you provide your child with an extra bottled drink. If you would like us to order a packed lunch for your child, then please tick the appropriate box when completing the consent form overleaf and state this on the **front of your envelope**. If you would prefer, you may provide your child with a packed lunch and drink. To encourage minimal wastage, this should be sent to school in a **lunch box** clearly marked with their name. ***Please do not order via school grid – any lunches ordered via this route will be cancelled.***

The clothing children wear for their forest school sessions will be suitable for the trip. The children must wear sensible, waterproof footwear such as **wellington boots**. Please ensure they have **warm socks** with their wellies as Hillier Gardens have advised that children’s feet can get cold. All children **must** wear **trousers** (they can wear non-school uniform trousers, but we advise against jeans if it is forecast to rain) and their school shirts/sweatshirts. Please ensure that your child has a **warm, waterproof coat** and a hat and gloves if cold.

If your child suffers from travel sickness, please give him/her a tablet (if you usually do this) at the beginning of the day. We will return to school in time for normal collection at 3.15pm.

A contribution of £20 will cover the cost of the coach travel and the entrance Hillier Gardens. If you have difficulties in making a payment, please come and chat confidentially to Mrs de Carteret. This trip will be an important part of our follow up work in class. Please return the reply slip and monies in an envelope marked with your child’s name and class **before Friday 14 March**.

You will receive a text message today providing you with information as to how to pay for this trip online. Cheques should be made payable to Hampshire County Council. All consent forms must be returned in order for your child to take part in this visit, unless you pay online where consent is automatically given. Please be aware that if a significant number of places are not paid for, we will be unable to offer this trip or others like it in the future.

We are not going to be visiting the shop, so children do not need to bring any additional spending money.

We are also asking for a few parents or guardians to attend the visit; if you wish to accompany your child please indicate this on the front of your envelope or contact your child’s class teacher as soon as possible. Please be advised that parents who regularly help out in school will be given priority.

We are looking forward to a very exciting, informative and enjoyable day.

Yours sincerely



Miss B Wigmore  
**On Behalf of the Year 1 Team**

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**Year One Educational visit to Hillier Gardens**

Name of child: ..... Class: .....

Signed: ..... Parent/Person with Parental Responsibility

I enclose £20 as my full contribution towards the cost of the visit

I enclose £ . . . . . as my voluntary contribution towards the cost of the visit

I have paid online

I would like the school to provide a packed lunch for the trip:

Red Option (meat)

Green Option (vegetarian)

(Please also state this on the front of the envelope)