



“...Let us remember that, as many hands build a house, so many hearts make a school.”

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

4th January 2023

Dear Parents/Carers of Birch Class,

Birch Class Visit to Colchester Zoo

This term, we are reading the book 'Anna Hibiscus' Song'. The story is about a small girl of dual heritage with a happy heart, living with a large and loving family in Africa. We will be learning about animals and their habitats this term, with a particular focus on animals of Africa. As part of our learning, we have planned an exciting class trip to Colchester Zoo. As well as seeing all of the animals, the children will also take part in an African Safari workshop, with a zoo specialist.

The trip will take place on **Thursday 19th January 2023**. **We shall be travelling via the school minibus and will be leaving St. Paul's promptly at 8.30am, please arrive no later than 8:15am.** If your child uses a booster seat, please provide us with it on the morning of the trip and stick a label with their name on it. **We will aim to return to St. Paul's at approximately 4.30pm.** Please note that this return timing is an estimate subject to change on the day, we will contact you via Schoolcomms if we are severely delayed.

The children should wear their full school uniform and bring a warm waterproof raincoat, hat and gloves, in case it is cold. Your child will require a healthy packed lunch, in a disposable bag with a re-fillable water bottle. Your child will be required to carry their own lunch on the trip; a small backpack would be ideal for them to use.

The cost of the trip is **£11.00**, which due to a special school's discount, is significantly less than the ordinary price. This includes entry into the zoo, a specialist workshop and transportation to and from the zoo via the school minibus. We will leave this payment open until the end of this term, to give you plenty of time to pay. Please pay for the trip via the School Gateway app, under the payment 'Birch Colchester Zoo Visit', by **Friday 10th February 2023**.

Your child will not need to bring any spending money and we will not require any parent helpers on this occasion.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Craft
Birch Class Teacher