



*“Learning Together, Playing Together, Succeeding Together”  
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*Head teacher: Caroline Jackson*

22<sup>nd</sup> November, 2021.

Dear Parents / Carers,

To support the children’s learning on our topic of ‘The Rainforest’, a visit from Jonathan’s Jungle has been arranged for Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> November.

Jonathan will be attending Lacock school to visit the children in class. He is a former primary school teacher who now visits schools providing an opportunity to deepen their understanding of the rainforest. Jonathan will be visiting with a range of rainforest animals and creatures for the children to get up close and personal with! Due to Covid, the children will only have the opportunity to handle the snakes (if they wish) although we will be looking closely at all the other animals – just not holding and handling them.

Jonathan will be with us all morning (until lunchtime) and will be following all the schools Covid safe practices (wearing a face covering and completing a negative LFT before coming to school) I will also ensure that we have the windows open for ventilation throughout the session. Jonathan has also asked that we exercise caution, in the same way we have asked from him, and therefore if your child is displaying any symptoms of Covid (continuous cough, high temperature or more recently, a cold-like runny nose) please can you carry out an LFT before allowing your child to come to school, the 30 minute result ones. I appreciate that it is an exciting day and your child would be disappointed to miss out on this visit but we have to make sure that we keep everyone safe – school and non-school staff.

We are asking for a contribution from parents of **£4.00. Payment to be made via our preferred option +parentpay.**

Schools are not allowed to charge parents for any activity related to the regular teaching of the curriculum but we can request a voluntary contribution to cover costs of visits. The school budget is not sufficient to cover the costs of visits and unfortunately, visits cannot take place without sufficient voluntary contributions being received. If we do not receive enough contributions, unfortunately this visit will have to be cancelled. In the event of a visit being cancelled, all contributions will be returned. An extract regarding voluntary contributions, taken from the Charging and Remissions Policy, is shown on the next page.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Whitbread  
Beech class teacher

## **School Visits; extract from the Charging and Remissions Policy**

### *Voluntary Contributions*

*Nothing in legislation prevents a school governing body from asking for voluntary contributions for the benefit of the school or any school activities. However, if the activity cannot be funded without voluntary contributions, the governing body or head teacher will make this clear to parents at the outset. The governing body or head teacher will also make it clear to parents that there is no obligation to make any contribution.*

*It is important to note that no child will be excluded from an activity simply because his or her parents are unwilling or unable to pay. If insufficient voluntary contributions are raised to fund a visit, then it will be cancelled. If a parent is unwilling or unable to pay, their child will still be given an equal chance to go on the visit.*

*Any transport provided by the school in school hours will be provided free of charge (though a voluntary contribution could be requested)*