

# Thames View Infants



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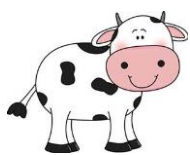
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Dear Parents/Carers,

## 2023 Educational Reception visit to Boydells Dairy Farm

In order to support learning this term, the children in Reception will be going to Boydell's Dairy Farm in Braintree on the following dates:



**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May – Lions and Hippos**  
**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May – Koalas and Pandas**

The visit will take place during school hours and the children will be back by 3.15pm.



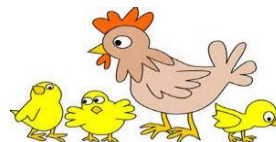
As you know, we are learning all about farms in Reception this term. We will be reading books to find out information, talking about pictures and building our own farms. During our visit, in addition to looking around the farm and meeting all of the animals, each class will watch a milking demonstration and get to see how a real working farm operates. We are all looking forward to an exciting day.



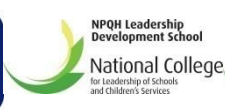
We will be travelling by coach. Your child will need to wear sensible clothing and appropriate footwear. Please note that children will not need to bring a packed lunch - **Packed lunches will be provided for all children** and water will be available too. Children will not need any spending money on the day.

### Contribution Payment for the Visit

The total cost of the visit to school will be approximately £2,420 (or, in other words, £20.17 per child); however, we will use school funds to subsidise some of the costs incurred. Accordingly, we kindly ask you to help us by contributing **£15 per child**, which we ask you to pay via ParentMail. **The deadline for making this payment is Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April**



If you have difficulty making your contribution, then it is important that you speak to either Donna Bonifacio or Kelly Ager as soon as possible. Unfortunately, if we don't receive sufficient contributions, we



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may have to either cancel the whole visit (less our deposit) or future planned visits through lack of funds. This is obviously something that we want to avoid.

### Consent Form

Please also note that, in order for your child to come on this visit, you need to complete the consent form on ParentMail as soon as possible. Without your consent we cannot take your child on this visit.

### Parent Helpers

There are a number of places on the coach for parental helpers. Please note however that if you are chosen to help out on this visit, your role will be different to that from the 'family visits' which you might have accompanied your child on when they were in Nursery. On this visit, as with all others in school, Parental helpers lead and supervise a small group of children, which does not include their own child. The role is essentially to support learning and to engage the children in conversation and a variety of activities that you will be briefed about beforehand. If that sounds like you, then please let us know by completing and submitting the ParentMail form which is now available. This needs to be done by **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April** at the very latest. **Please note that only volunteers who have completed this ParentMail form fully and have submitted it to us by this deadline can be considered.** As soon as we have an idea of numbers, and if we do need you, your child's teacher will let you know.

Yours sincerely,



Paul Jordan  
*Headteacher*



### Visit Checklist



1.	Complete the Consent Form in ParentMail	
2.	If you want to volunteer to help – Complete the Parent Helper Form in ParentMail – DEADLINE <b>Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April</b> – Please note that only ParentMail forms completed correctly and submitted by this date will be considered.	
3.	Make the Contribution Payment of £15 using ParentMail – Click on 'Payments' and then on 'Shop' add the item to your basket and checkout.	