



THE  
GILES NURSERY  
AND  
INFANTS'  
SCHOOL



Headteacher: Mrs Rouane Mendel  
Acting Assistant Head: Miss Lisa Hill

Durham Road, Stevenage, Herts. SG1 4JQ  
Telephone: 01438 359747  
Email: [admin@gilesinfants.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@gilesinfants.herts.sch.uk)  
Website: [www.gilesnurseryandinfants.co.uk](http://www.gilesnurseryandinfants.co.uk)

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2023

Dear Parents / Carers,

**Year 2 visit to RSPB Rye Meads, Hoddesdon, Hertfordshire**  
**Penguins and Pelicans – Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2023**  
**Puffins – Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2023**

We are very excited to confirm that we have arranged for the Year 2 children to visit RSPB Rye Meads nature reserve as a fantastic start to next term's topic of 'Nature Detectives'.

During the visit, the children will take part in two programmes of learning. In the first session, they will discover land minibeasts and learn about their microhabitats. In the second session, they will explore pond minibeasts through a pond dipping activity.

Due to the number of children attending, the visits will take place on two consecutive days. Penguin and Pelican classes will attend on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> April. Puffin class will attend on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April. We will travel by coach, departing school at 9.15am. We will depart Rye Meads at 2.30pm so should be back in time for pick up at 3.10pm.

**Clothing:**

This experience day is going to be based outside. Children should wear school uniform for the trip and appropriate waterproof footwear with closed toes. Waterproof trainers or wellies are best. Children should apply suncream before coming to school and bring a sunhat in their bag. They should also bring a raincoat, just in case of rain. We hope that we will have a couple of warm, sunny days but in the event of a cold spell, please make sure your child is wearing appropriate clothing to keep them warm.

**Lunch:**

Children will need to bring a packed lunch and drinks to take with them. It is easier to take plastic bottles of water, to avoid a personal water bottle being misplaced. Cartons are best wrapped in a plastic bag in case of leakages. The fresh air is sure to bring on an appetite so we would recommend a hearty lunch and some healthy snacks. Please remember that no nut products can be included in packed lunches due to allergies.



**Bags:**

Children should bring their packed lunch wrapped in a plastic bag within a back pack, to keep their hands free when walking to the classroom area where they will store their belongings. Plastic lunchboxes should be left at home. The children will need to be able to carry all of their belongings, as accompanying staff members will be carrying first aid kits and individual medications.

**Cost and consent:**

Thanks to a generous donation from FROG (Friends and Relatives of Giles Nursery and Infants' School), we are able to offer this trip at a cost of £15.37 per child. Payment should be made online via the Arbor App from 4pm on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022. You will need to give consent for your child to attend at the time of payment. If you have any concerns about the cost of the trip, please speak to your child's class teacher.

All payments and permissions need to be given online before Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April. This is the first day back at school after the Easter break.

**Coach travel:**

If your child suffers with motion sickness and requires anti-nausea medication for the coach journey, please let us know in advance.

This is sure to be an exciting day for the children, but if you or your child have any concerns, please speak to your child's class teacher.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Hill, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Trott and Mrs. Henry