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Dear Parent/Carer

On Monday 10th June, Squirrels Class will be visiting Sir Harold Hillier Gardens, Jermyns Lane, Romsey SO51 0QA <https://www.hants.gov.uk/thingstodo/hilliergardens>.

We will be focusing on Art in the Garden because the gardens are a fantastic resource for art activities. We will explore the colours, shapes, patterns, and textures of nature and enjoy the opportunity to use natural materials to create art work. Children will be able to develop their techniques, including their control and their use of materials, with creativity, experimentation, and an increasing awareness of different kinds of art, craft, and design. They will improve their mastery of art and design techniques, including sculpture with a range of materials. We will also be using our science learning by investigating the variety of colours found on different parts of plants and thinking about why that might be.

The staff at the gardens are trained in the use of the site and a trained first aider is always available. As not all risks cannot be removed staff help children learn to recognise dangers like fungi, berries, water, germs, and uneven terrain. Please dress your children appropriately for the weather. Children should wear their school jumper or cardigan. They should come with shoes or wellies suitable for walking, not sandals. Please send them with warm socks, sunhats and sun-block and layers of clothing including something to block the wind, rain and cold. Unless dangerous, we go out in every sort of weather! We ask you to help protect children from stings and bites by sending them with long trousers or leggings, and check for ticks after the visit. While not that common, if you do find a tick, ask your doctor about Lyme disease. The children will be outside for most of the day so do expect them to return home with muddy clothes!

Fresh air makes children hungry so please send a healthy, filling lunch, plus fruit and extra Water in a backpack. Children do not need to bring spending money because we will not spend time in the shop. A coach from Pewsey Vale Coaches Ltd, Pewsey, SN9 5BB <https://www.pewseyvalecoaches.co.uk/> will pick us up from school at 9:00 am and we will return by 4:00 pm.

We are asking for a voluntary contribution of £10 to cover entry costs. **Please do not worry if you cannot fund the trip as we will pay for your child's entry fee.** Please pay using your School Money account, by debit or credit card. Please be reminded that childcare vouchers cannot be used as payment for school trips.

Please can you email the office admin@newtontony.wilts.sch.uk to confirm you are happy for your child to attend the trip and travel on a coach before Thursday 23rd May 2024.

Kind regards

Mrs J Hillier

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Squirrels Teacher

'Love One Another As I Have Loved You' John 15:12

