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Dear Parent/Carer

On Wednesday 2nd July, Squirrels Class will be visiting Sir Harold Hillier Gardens, Jermyns Lane, Romsey SO51 0QA <https://www.hants.gov.uk/thingstodo/hilliergardens>. The activities we have chosen are fun but have clear learning objectives. We will be focusing on learning about garden beasts and where to find them! We will discover which animals make Hillier Gardens their home as we journey around the different habitats and find out what they eat and what might eat them! We are hoping to explore the small, raised ponds to see which creatures live on and below the surface of the water using a pictures and keys to name what has been found. 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 stout shoes or wellies, 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 a little mucky! Fresh air makes children hungry so please send a healthy, filling lunch, plus fruit and extra water. Children do not need to bring spending money because we will not spend time in the shop.

We will be travelling to the gardens by coach, <https://www.pewseyvalecoaches.co.uk>. We will be leaving school at 9.15am and returning by 3.00pm (traffic permitting).

The cost of the trip is £9.50 per child, which is payable through your child's school money account. Please do not hesitate to come and see us if this causes you any problems. Please be aware that the trip can only be paid for by debit or credit card, we are unable to accept childcare vouchers as payment for trips. The coach for this trip is costing £350. If you would also like to make a donation toward the cost of the coach, we would be very grateful for your support. Donations can also be made on your school money account. A donation amount has been set at £12.50 however parents are welcome to adjust this amount by clicking into the small box which displays £12.50 and changing the amount. You can then add the payment to your basket by clicking on the + icon. The children will not need to bring any spending money with them. If you would like your child to participate in the visit, please complete the online parental consent form <https://forms.office.com/e/JiDie6bxF6> to give your permission for them to attend the trip,

plus travel by coach by Friday 20th June 2025. If you have any questions about the trip, please contact Mrs Hillier (jhillier@newtontony.wilts.sch.uk).

Kind regards

Mrs J Hillier

Mrs Hillier
Squirrels Teacher

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

