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Ref: Reception visit to The Arboretum at Castle Howard

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Our topic this half term has been 'Our Wonderful World' and to support and consolidate the children's learning we have organised a visit to the Arboretum at Castle Howard on **Thursday 20th June**.

During the day, the children will have the opportunity to learn about the many plants and animals that live and grow in the Arboretum, as well as, visiting the newly built red squirrel enclosure. Each class will participate in a series of teacher tasks and have the opportunity to explore the grounds more widely.

The doors will be open as usual at 8:45am and we will be departing as close to 9:25am as possible to ensure we arrive at the Arboretum in good time for a sighting of the red squirrels. We aim to be back at school in good time for the usual end of day collection routines.

Your child will need to come dressed in their **forest schools clothes** (long sleeved top and long trousers/leggings are preferable) and bring a packed lunch and enough drink for the day. Suitable footwear will also be required as will a waterproof jacket/puddle suit and/or sun hat depending on the forecast. They will not require any spending money.

The cost of this visit for each child, including transport and the entrance to the Arboretum, is **£14.00**. Please arrange payment via the School money. **To give permission** for your child to participate in the Reception visit to the Arboretum you must tick the consent box next to the payment (this stage does not require payment). **The deadline for both payment and consent is Sunday 9th June**. If you have any issues with the School Money website, please contact the school office via email at headlands.primary@york.gov.uk.

To ensure we meet our pupil:adult ratio we both need and would welcome extra adult support. If you hold a current CRB/DBS for the school and can commit to joining us on Thursday 20th June, we would really appreciate it. **Please let us know no later than Thursday 6th June** by emailing the school office at headlands.primary@york.gov.uk, marking the subject box as **EYFS The Arboretum**. In an attempt to keep costs to a minimum, seats on the coach are limited so we will let you know whether we are able to take up your offer via email and text on Monday 10th June. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate email us.

The school Charging and Remissions Policy (available on the school website) states that while no child would be excluded from an activity on the basis of cost, we do rely on contributions from parents for many of the 'extra experiences' provided by school and we are grateful for the level of support we receive. If circumstances arise that insufficient funds have been collected, then as a school we would need to cancel the visit and re-fund parents who have paid. In planning the curriculum all teachers will have due regard to the prohibitive costs of some excursions and visiting speakers. If a parent is concerned about the cost of a visit, this can always be sensitively discussed with your child's class teacher or a member of the school senior leadership team.

Thank you for your continued support.

EYFS Team

