July 2018

Dear Year 5 Parents

Re: Year 5 trip to Connect to the Countryside, Ardingly – Thursday, 12th July 2018

We are delighted to be able to tell you that we have secured tickets to the ‘Connect to the Countryside’ event this July, organised through the South of England Agricultural Society.

A schools only event, it offers pupils an engaging and interactive opportunity to learn all about food, farming, the countryside and the environment. The many ‘hands-on’ activities support the National Curriculum and will help the children find out about food production and the countryside.

Four special zones engage pupils in a range of activities including:

- Livestock, where pupils can meet a range of farm animals, from Sussex Beef bulls to chickens.
- Horticulture and Food, where pupils can learn about healthy food, taste local tomatoes and peppers, fresh milk and honey and discover how sausages, bread and butter are made.
- Wildlife and Recreation (Indoor) where pupils can experience corn dolly making, seed sowing, a bat hospital and wattle & daub.
- Wildlife and Recreation (Outdoor) including gun dog training, fly fishing, hedge laying, forestry and conservation

There will also be a ‘Sheep Show’, Pony Club Display and a Birds of Prey demonstration and the children will have an opportunity to sit in the driver’s seat of a tractor or combine harvester.


Whilst there is no charge for the event itself, we would welcome a contribution of £2 per child towards a coach. Please make your cheques payable to Dormansland School Fund or alternatively pay via your Tucasi/Scopay account.
On the 12th July, the children will depart from school promptly at 9am and will be back in time for the 3.15pm finish. On the day, children will be required to wear their school jumper and polo-shirt, however they will be able to wear other suitable trousers and shoes. They will need to bring an extra pair of trainers to change in to for walking around the grounds and a packed lunch on the day. Hopefully, the weather will continue to be warm so it is recommended that hats are provided and suncream applied. If the weather looks changeable, it is advised that a waterproof be supplied in case.

Please would you complete and return the enclosed slip giving your permission for your child to take part.

Regards,

Miss J Newns

I give permission for ________________________________ to visit the South of England Show on Thursday, 12th July 2018.

☐ I enclose a cheque for £2 made payable to Dormansland School Fund.

☐ I have already paid online.

☐ I confirm that my child does not have any known allergies that the school needs to be aware of.

Signed:  ________________________________________

Dated:  ________________________________________