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Year 1 Trip to Leeds Castle, Kent

Dear Parents and Carers

Next half term we will be learning about castles and to support this we have arranged for the children to visit Leeds Castle, Kent on

Tuesday 19th March for Otters and Hedgehogs
Wednesday 20th March for Owls and Dragonflies.

Travel will be by coach fitted with seatbelts. For us to be able to spend a good amount of time at the castle, **all children will need to be at school at 8:45am** for a prompt 9:00am departure on their visit day. We will be leaving Leeds Castle at approximately 2pm and **aim** to get back to school at 3pm (traffic dependent). When the children arrive back at school from the trip, we will take them back into school so that they can be accounted for and handed over to you at the gate by a class teacher. This will be at the slightly later time of around 3.15pm.

During the visit, the children will have a guided tour and learn about the history of the castle and its grounds. The children will also take part in a workshop based on the story 'The Swan Princess'.

If you have any questions regarding the above arrangements or if your child suffers from travel sickness or any other medical condition, please inform the school office.

Children should come in normal school uniform but can wear comfortable shoes e.g. trainers. Please ensure that your child brings a warm and waterproof coat. All children should bring a full named water bottle and a named rucksack.

If you have registered your child to have Cool Milk, then they will be provided with this on the school trip. School fruit/vegetables will also be provided.

The school caterer can provide your child with their free school meal which will be a packed lunch consisting of a ham or cheese roll, crudites, a biscuit and a piece of fruit. Children who normally have school meals and have a confirmed Special Diet through Twelve15 will be accommodated accordingly. However, if you would prefer your child to bring their own packed lunch, please do not include peanut butter sandwiches or any food containing nuts or sesame as some children are severely allergic to these.

The cost of this trip will be £42 per child. If your child receives Pupil Premium funding for the school, you do not have to pay, but please log onto [SchoPay](#) to consent to the trip and give their preferred lunch option. Please see [Pupil Premium Application Form](#) for eligibility. If you are experiencing financial hardship, please speak to Mrs Mullarkey in confidence.

Please be aware that if we do not receive enough funds to cover the coach and activities, the trip may not go ahead.



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If you do not wish your child to take part in this visit, please email the school office info@holmesdale.surrey-sch.uk .

Please go to your [ScoPay](#) account to record your consent, lunch option and payment by **Friday 1st March**. It is **important** to ensure that you have updated your ScoPay App to use the consent and lunch feature. Please contact the school office if you have problems accessing your account.

Yours sincerely
Year 1 Team

