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Dear Parents & Carers,

Re: Trip to Thorndon Park for Foxes, Otters and Badgers: 23rd/30th June 2025

We are very excited about our forthcoming trip to Thorndon Park. Foxes & Otters will be travelling on **23rd June 2025** and Badgers will be travelling on **30th June 2025**. The following important points for parents are the same for all three classes, regardless of the day that they are visiting.

Please ensure that children are in school promptly on the morning of their trip as **we will be leaving immediately after morning registration which closes at 8.45am**. We will be back before the end of the school day. School uniform is not required but the children should be sensibly dressed for outside activities appropriate for the weather including trainers or sensible shoes **NOT sandals**. Although we hope it will be warm & dry **the Rangers would like the children to wear long trousers rather than shorts**. We will review the weather situation closer to the day, but the children will all need sunscreen (applied at home) and sun hats as we will be out all day, please also send them with a light raincoat as well.

Thorndon Park would like the children to bring a "waste-free" packed lunch please. Do not bring lunches in plastic bags – the squirrels and crows can get into these easily!

Here are some useful tips from the Thorndon Rangers to help you to prepare the lunch:

- Pack the whole lunch in a named reusable lunch box or container.
- Place sandwiches in a named reusable plastic container within their lunchbox rather than wrapping with cling-film or foil or put them in a sandwich bag.
- Pack a drink in a named reusable water bottle or flask rather than using cartons or disposable plastic bottles.
- Pack biscuits or crisps in named reusable plastic containers within their lunchbox, rather than in their original individual wrappers.
- Bring unwrapped fruit – the waste from apple cores and orange peel etc can be composted at the park.

Everything the children bring should be packed into a small named rucksack. We ask that children do not bring any valuables, toys, games, sweets or money with them please.

Please do check with me if you have any questions or queries.

Best regards,

S Gibson

Miss Gibson, Y3/4 Phase Leader

