

Dear Parent/Carer,

**Trip to Skelton Grange Environment Centre**

We are going on a class trip to **Skelton Grange Environment Centre** on **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2017**. We will be leaving school at **9.10am** and will return by the normal end of the school day. Because much of the trip will take place outside, please ensure that your child comes suitably dressed for the weather; wearing clothes that it is OK for them to get dirty and with sturdy, waterproof shoes.

We are asking for a voluntary contribution of £13.85. **Please give consent and make any payment via ParentPay by Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May as well as returning the slip below and the packed lunch choice.** The cost of the trip will cover the cost of the coach and a donation to the centre, which is run by the charity **The Conservation Volunteers** ([www.tcv.org.uk/skeltongrange](http://www.tcv.org.uk/skeltongrange)). They work hard to raise funds to subsidise the costs of your child's visit, but income from schools is vital to support their running costs to ensure the resource is available in future. If we don't receive enough contributions the trip may not go ahead.

The trip links to the work we will be doing in class. It will give the children an excellent opportunity to take part in some exciting and stimulating activities which will encourage them to learn about the natural environment, discover things for themselves and will enhance their learning. During the visit, children will be encouraged to touch, collect and work with natural objects. All activities are fully risk assessed and the children will be supervised by qualified and experienced staff and volunteers from Skelton and school. Please complete and return the consent form below if you are happy for your child to come on the trip.

**Photo Consent**

Publicising and promoting the work of the centre is another important way of helping The Conservation Volunteers to raise funds to continue their work and taking photos of children engaged in different activities is an essential part of this. Staff at Skelton Grange may want to take photos of children in our class whilst they are engaged in the activities arranged for the day. These will be used for publicity in internal reports, grant applications, their website, magazines and newspapers. Any photos will be taken, used and stored in line with Good Practice Guidelines supported by the NSPCC. On the consent form below please indicate that you are happy for them to be photographed.

**Waste Free Lunch**

Your child will need to bring a packed lunch (if they get Free School Meals school will provide one). As part of the trip we will take part in a **Waste Free Lunch Challenge** which encourages the children to think about what they throw away and where it ends up. So when you are preparing the packed lunch please try and think about reducing the waste it produces - using re-usable or recyclable packaging, as far as possible – re-usable bottles or food wrapped in paper, cling film or foil which can be recycled. Drinks cartons are best avoided as they cannot be re-used or recycled!!

Please also see attached packed lunch preference form.

Yours Sincerely,



**CONSENT FORM**

**SKELTON GRANGE ENVIRONMENT CENTRE TRIP - (Thursday 25th May 2017)**

- I consent to my child taking part in the trip to Skelton Grange Environment Centre
- I consent to photographs of my child being taken by Skelton, in line with uses outlined above



Child's name..... Any special/ medical needs .....

Parent/Carer's signature.....

Emergency contact on the day.....