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Thursday, 21st March 2024

**Year 1 Elm Class Trip to Hartwell Stables - 11B411 Ride a Big Animal
Tuesday, 23rd April 2024**

Dear Parents and Carers,

As part of our 11B411 experiences at Green Ridge, we are going to take the children horse riding at Hartwell Stables in Stone. During our visit, there will be a full itinerary of how to care for horses. This will include mucking out, field maintenance, grooming, tacking up and preparing hay and feeds. The riding session will be a full gymkhana which is team games on ponies. All the children will be on a lead rein for safety. A drink, snack and Hartwell rosette will also be included.

The visit will take place on **Tuesday, 23rd April 2024**, and we will be travelling by coach so the children will need to be at school at **8.35am** on this date as the coach is due to depart promptly at 9.00am. We are due to return to school at around 1.00pm. Your child will be having lunch at school as usual, albeit a slightly later time, on this day. Please therefore order your child a meal via SchoolGrid or provide a packed lunch as you usually would.

The children will need to wear comfortable, old clothes such as tracksuit bottoms, boots and a long-sleeved top and will need to bring their school uniform to get changed into once we return to school. Please also ensure that they are provided with an appropriate coat dependent on the weather on the day.

We are asking for a voluntary contribution towards the cost of the trip, which will be **£16.67**. This includes the session at Hartwell and covers the cost of transport. Payment is to be made via Arbor. Please be aware that insufficient contributions may mean that we need to cancel this trip. If your child is eligible for Pupil Premium, the school will fund the cost of the trip for your child. If you are experiencing difficulties meeting this payment, then please contact Mrs. Curtis-Cross via [email](mailto:) to discuss.

Please make payment via Arbor by **Sunday 14th April 2024**. We will also require parent/carer helpers on the day, so please kindly complete this [form](https://www.greenridgeacademy.co.uk/forms/parent-helper) if you are available and willing to assist.

Thank you for your continued support and if you have any further questions about the trip, please do come and speak to us.

Yours faithfully,

Miss. Shannon Gordon, Miss. Sarah Dawson and Miss. Lauren Gornall
Year 1 Class Teachers