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*Be strong and
courageous.....for
the Lord your God is
with you*

28th November 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

Year 5 Geography Trip – Natural History Museum, London
Thursday 30th January

We are excited to inform you that year 5 will be visiting the natural History Museum in London as part of our Geography topic on natural disasters. This trip will provide the children with an engaging opportunity to explore the museum's fascinating exhibits and participate in an interactive workshop on earthquakes and volcanoes.

During the workshop, the children will learn about the causes and effects of earthquakes and volcanoes and gain a deeper understanding of the planet's dynamic processes. The museum's exhibits will further enhance their learning, and they will be offered the chance to see real-life examples of volcanic rocks and earthquake simulations.

The children will get to the Natural History Museum via coach which will leave the school promptly at 9:00am and will return by 3:15pm.

The Year 5 class teacher and two other member of staff will be accompanying the children on the trip, so there is no need for additional adults to come with us.

Your child will need a packed lunch for this trip. **If you want a Packed Lunch from Fresh Start for this school trip, please make sure you have chosen the Packed Lunch replacement option & ordered any meal BEFORE 9am Thursday 23rd January 2025. If you do not do this you will need to supply your own packed lunch for the trip.**

The cost of the outing will be **£15.90 per pupil**. Please can we request that payment for this trip be made via Parent Pay. Please do not send in cash or cheques; this payment will be set up on your Parent Pay account. We would ask that payment is made as soon as possible and by the latest **Monday 16th December 2024**. If you do not currently hold a Parent Pay account, please visit the school office so that we can reissue you with a letter containing your login details.



Please be advised that we will only be able to go ahead with the trip if there are sufficient voluntary contributions. If you anticipate any difficulties in making a contribution, please contact the Headteacher, and the matter will be dealt with in the strictest confidence.

Yours sincerely,



Miss L Hawkins
Year 5 Class Teacher

Requesting financial contributions for educational visits

School Trips – Voluntary Contributions

It has been brought to the schools attention that perhaps some parents are unsure why schools ask for a voluntary contribution but then contact parents when they have not contributed. Our letters are written in a way that does not exclude a child because a parent is unable or unwilling to pay for a trip. Below is an explanation as to why we promote school trips but also why we ask for voluntary contributions.

The value and importance of educational visit:

Learning outside the classroom is widely recognised as a valuable and effective means of extending pupil knowledge, enriching pupil understanding, and promoting personal and social development. Ofsted also acknowledge the importance of quality learning experiences outside the classroom for raising pupil attainment. Consequently, this school promotes and encourages the organisation of educational visits for all its pupils, and it is hoped that parents will also recognise the value and importance of these visits, and give their full support.

Cost of the Visit:

The school believes wholeheartedly in the value of these experiences, and subsidises the cost of all visits as much as possible in an attempt to ensure that these opportunities are accessible and affordable to all. However, the school seldom has the financial resources to pay the full costs. Consequently, a voluntary contribution is normally requested from parents/guardians to make up the shortfall. This contribution is genuinely voluntary, and neither you nor your child will be treated differently if you are unable or choose not to contribute. **However, please note that without all such voluntary contributions, visits may have to be cancelled, as the school is not in a position to provide further financial support.**

