10th February 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is with great pleasure, that we are now able to confirm the London trip for Year 5 and 6 which has been scheduled for the 23rd March 2022.

This wonderful opportunity has been planned so we can see first-hand the environment where national decisions, laws and policies are made and consider how we can ensure our own voices are heard. This is fundamental to the core values and goals of our school.

Our itinerary for the day:

* 6.00am - coach leaves St Mary’s car park
* 11.00am - London Eye
* 12.45pm - River Cruise
* 1.30pm - The Houses of Parliament for lunch
* 2.15pm - Tour of The Houses of Parliament and educational workshop.
* 5.00pm - Leave London
* Return to school around 10.30pm.

Due to the time required to travel to and from London we need to organise an early start that would require **children being at school just before 6.00am**, when the coach would leave. We would aim **to return to school by 10.30pm** but would keep yourselves updated as to a more specific time, via email, once we have departed. We realise this is an exceptionally early start and finish time for a school trip and would require children to **bring both a lunch and dinner**. Dinners would be kept in cool bags on the coach to have on our return. The coach **will have toilet facilities** on board.

This amazing opportunity is only possible due to funding subsidies offered by our local MP and the PTFA. Due to this it can be **offered at a cost of £25 per child. This will be set up on Parent Pay, any problems please contact the office.**

During the visit, we will not only have the opportunity to have a tour around The Houses of Parliament, but will also have a workshop on debating. In this exciting workshop the children will be taken through a journey of encouraging diverse points of view. Through storytelling and debating, the class will explore law making and how it works.

As we are aware this is a very special experience and, for many children, this might be the first time they have been to London, we have organised a trip on the London Eye, enabling the children to experience the sense of wonder and awe our capital city has to offer. As well we have arranged for a River Cruise to see various points along the River Thames up close.

It is not without thought, that we have undertaken the organisation of this trip and as always your child’s safety is our priority. Our visit has been arranged during the time of Covid and as a result of this we have kept in close contact with the officials as to any possible impact this could have on our visit and any extra precautions we need to allow for. At this time there are no events, organised or otherwise, planned for this date, however we do continue to monitor this.

Detailed risk assessments have been conducted with the current information that is available to us but due to the nature of the current climate we cannot guarantee that changes won’t happen. We will keep you updated as to any changes that are required. Any questions you may have will be happily answered by Mrs Gill.

We realise that some children may feel a little bit anxious and we will happily support those who have any worries or concerns. We really everyone to take part in this opportunity so please do speak to Mrs Gill about any of the above.

Please let us know if your child will need any medication to be administered during the trip; this could also include travel sickness tablets if required.

Please could you return the consent form below to the office by the 4th March 2022.

Best wishes

Mrs Mannix

Head Teacher

I confirm my child……………………………………………………can take part in the trip to London on the 23rd March.

Medication for the day if needed incl times and amount to be administered

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Signed …………………………………….. Date ………………………………………