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Dear Parents/Carers,

**Kestrels (Year 2) Trip to London – Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2024**

On **Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2024** Kestrels (Year 2) will be experiencing an action-packed day in our capital city - London. This is to enrich the children's learning about Villages, Towns and Cities. During the visit the children will ride on the London Eye and visit St James Park and Buckingham Palace, where they will have a tour of the palace and take part in a workshop about the role of Buckingham Palace through time.

In order to keep costs for the trip as low as possible and ensure that the children have the maximum amount of time in the city, we will be travelling by train and then on the Underground to Green Park. We understand you may feel apprehensive about this visit, however we would like to reassure you that the trip was a huge success last year and we continue to have the following additional measures in place to ensure that it runs as safely and smoothly as possible:

- Full risk assessments have been completed for the journey, London Eye and Buckingham Palace and as the trip took place last academic year, a full post-visit evaluation has already taken place and any adjustments to the day carried out.
- West Midlands Trains and London Underground are aware of the times that we are visiting, and we have avoided peak rush hour times.
- Direct trains to and from London have been booked to avoid the need to change over at stations.
- We will be taking 6 adults to allow for 1 adult for every 5 children.

We are asking for a voluntary contribution of **£30.10** to cover the cost of this trip, which covers the entry to the London Eye and Buckingham Place and transport to, from and around London. The cost of our transport has also been subsidised by the Royal Collection Charitable Trust following a successful application for additional funding.



Payment should be made through Parent Pay by no later than **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September**. Please be aware that by making payment for this trip you are confirming that you are happy for your child to attend. If insufficient funds are received from parents / carers it will not be possible for the school to meet the cost and the visit will unfortunately have to be cancelled.

In order to make the most of the day the children need to be in school for **7:15am** in order to catch the 7:56am train and we will return on the 4:46pm train arriving back at Tamworth station at approximately **6:15pm**. We will travel to and from the train station on the Trust minibus, however if parents are able to drop off and collect their child from Tamworth train station in order to reduce the number of runs we will need to do in the minibus, this would be very much appreciated.

Children must wear school uniform, and as we will be walking outside, we would ask that they bring a warm, waterproof coat if the weather is forecast to be wet and/or cold. Drinks and a packed lunch for the day will be provided, however they can bring a small bottle of water or juice (no fizzy drinks) and a healthy snack for the afternoon (we will provide snacks in the morning). We kindly ask that you choose your child's sandwich filling by clicking the following link to access the form:

<https://forms.office.com/e/kcqu0HLv47>

If your child normally suffers from travel sickness, please inform Miss Elliott. If they need travel sickness tablets, please make sure that they have one before coming to school and provide another for the return journey, in a sealed, named envelope. It is **ESSENTIAL** that if your child needs an inhaler, it is brought into school – they will not be permitted to go without it.

Please sign the permission slip below and return it to school as soon as possible but by no later than **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July**. Payments will need to be made by Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September through Parent Pay.

I am aware that this trip may seem a long way off and we will share the information again in the first week of term as a reminder. However, given the current economic climate, we wanted to provide parents with as much time as possible to spread the cost of the visit. Many thanks for your ongoing support and we are delighted to be taking the children on such a wonderful trip.

Best Wishes,

Mrs Horlor

Head of School