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Dear Mums, Dads and Carers

## Y1/2 LONDON VISIT – FEBRUARY 2023

We are very excited to share our plans for a trip to London as part of this term's learning!

**Y2 – travelling on the 7<sup>th</sup> February**

**Y1 – travelling on the 9<sup>th</sup> February**

The children will be accompanied on a 1:2 ratio, to ensure their safety and your peace of mind.

The trip has been carefully crafted to ensure plenty of rest/toilet opportunities and short walking distances whilst maximising the time available.

The proposed staffing for the visits will be a combination of the following, depending on the number of children involved: Mrs Jane (lead), Mrs Barnes/Mrs Jones, Mrs Randall/Mrs Hewitt, Mrs Crawley, Miss Akhtar and Mrs Hall/Miss Williams. A number of these staff have a great deal of experience of living/working or visiting London. Children and staff will wear hi-vis jackets and we will be buying coloured hats for the children so that they are easily identifiable. Please be assured that, as always, Risk Assessments will be completed and all staff will be fully briefed prior to the trip.

We will meet at **Lichfield Trent Valley rear car park for 0830** (staff will be waiting from 0820/0825 to receive the children). The staff will be waiting at the top of the steps which lead down to the London-bound platform (platform 2) – the top of the steps is by the ticket machines. Nearer the time we will provide a map/postcode for those who aren't sure of the area.

Children will walk down to the platform with staff for the **train departing at 0840**, which arrives in **London Euston at 1024**. We would kindly ask that parents do not come down onto the platform so that we can safely wait for the train, without distractions, ready for when the train arrives.

Children will then travel from **Euston to Green Park** on the underground, where we will walk across the park to **Buckingham Palace** in time to see the **Changing of the Guard**.

We will walk through the park to **St James Park Café** where we will eat our pre-ordered lunch. Lunch options will be provided to school by the end of the week, but will cost in the region of £6-£7 for a child's meal eg fish fingers, burgers or pasta. We will seek orders for those going to London, before the trip dates, and will ask for cash to be sent into school before the visit day, in a named purse, so that Mrs Jane has this prepared and ready for the visit. Eating at the café will give us an opportunity to use the bathrooms and have a sit down indoors in a reserved space.

As we are using a café for lunch, to provide somewhere to rest and use the toilet facilities, unfortunately we won't be able to take packed lunches. Please let the office know if this is going to cause a problem. In addition to lunch, children will have a range of snacks available to them throughout the day – these will be provided by school and carried by staff to avoid the need for the children to carry heavy bags.

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From the café we will walk to **Westminster** to see **Big Ben and the Houses of Parliament**. From **Westminster Pier** we will join a **City Boat Tour**, which will take us along the **Thames** where we will see many of London's famous sights. We will disembark from the Boat Tour at **London Tower Quay** and make our way to **Tower Bridge** where we will enjoy a tour of **Tower Bridge**, with the opportunity to walk across its famous glass floor, where we will be able to see the traffic and river below us. From there we will walk to **Monument** to learn more about the **Great Fire of London**.

Finally, a short tube ride back to Euston in plenty of time to catch **the 1646 train to Lichfield Trent Valley**. We should arrive at **Lichfield Trent Valley at 1819**, where children can be collected by parents from outside the ticket office on the car park side (if someone other than yourselves will be collecting your child please let the office know). Again, we would ask that parents don't come onto the platform to enable us to get everyone safely off the train on arrival and we can then move as a group through to the ticket office/car park.

The total cost of the trip for the children is £29.97 (plus the cost of lunch), which we hope you will agree is an extremely good price for a day out in London! This will be added to parent pay by the end of the week for those who indicate that their child will be taking part. The cost of the trip will be subsidised for FSM children – Mrs Jones will contact parents of FSM children to ensure permissions are given where required.

Children should wear warm trousers/joggers, with their Henry Chadwick school jumpers/cardigans (if the new PE kit has arrived, which we hope it will by the end of this month, then the children will be asked to wear this as their uniform for the trip), sensible/comfortable footwear is essential, as we will be doing a lot of walking, and really important is a warm coat (and gloves if needed) suitable for the weather conditions on the day. The children will need to bring one filled drink bottle with them – we will be able to refill their bottles as needed during the day. The drinks bottles will be carried by the adult who is responsible for each child.

We will, of course, send text messages throughout the day to keep you informed of what we are doing.

If parents choose not to send their child on the trip, they will remain in school for a normal school day, being taught by Mr O'Leary. If numbers are low, we may group year 1 and year 2 children together and travel on one day.

To enable us to make the necessary bookings can you **please let Mrs Jones know via email by 4pm on Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> January, if you would like your child to go on this trip to London** or would prefer them to remain in school.

As always, any questions please just ask.

Mrs Jane and Mr O'Leary

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