



MALCOLM SARGENT PRIMARY SCHOOL

Love To Learn

12 July 2019

Dear Parents of Current Y2 Children

TRIP TO GRIMSTHORPE ESTATE- 25 SEPTEMBER 2019

On Wednesday 25 September 2019, we have arranged for the children to visit Grimsthorpe Estate (a countryside classroom for children). This will allow us to explore a range of habitats and take part in a variety of forest school activities. We will also participate in a variety of activities including paper pot making and seed planting expertise. We will also be searching for habitats and plants around Grimsthorpe gardens.

Under the school's new Charging and Remissions Policy, this activity is classed as optional. That means that it is not a required activity under the national curriculum. In order to make the trip viable, we are requesting a voluntary contribution from parents to cover the cost of the transport, entrance fee and activities of **£8.50 per child**. There is no obligation for parents to make a contribution and I would reassure you that no child will be excluded from this activity simply because their parents are unwilling or unable to pay. However, if insufficient voluntary contributions are raised to fund this activity, and the school cannot fund it via another source, the activity will be cancelled. **The deadline for payments to be received is Wednesday 11 September.** Please note that this year, we have been on the verge of having to cancel two trips due to a lack of contributions by parents. If parents do not make the voluntary contribution, the school will either have to make up the shortfall from one of its other budgets or cancel the trip. Please make every effort to pay so that the school is not put in the difficult position of having to cancel.

Remissions are available for this activity if parents are in genuine financial difficulty. However, funding is limited and there is no guarantee that all requests can be met. Parents in receipt of certain benefits, such as those applicable to Free School Meals, may request assistance with the costs of activities by contacting Mrs Town at the school office in confidence at the earliest opportunity. Decisions regarding funding will be made at the discretion of the Principal on a case by case basis.

Children should be at school for 0830 on 25 September to leave school at 0900. We will leave Grimsthorpe promptly at 1445 and hope to arrive back at school by 1520 depending on traffic. If we are running late we will notify school so that they can send out a Parentmail text. For this reason, please ensure that your details are up to date on Parentmail.

The children need to bring packed lunch. Please remember that we are a healthy school and the pack up should not contain fizzy drinks, sweets or chocolate bars. If you have already ordered a hot lunch, we will already have arranged to swap that to a pack up. If your child is entitled to a free school meal, we will automatically supply a packed lunch.

Please cancel your order via the school office if you wish to provide your own pack up. You will need to provide additional healthy drinks and snacks for during the day.

Children can wear non-school uniform appropriate for being outdoors all day with footwear suitable for being in fields. Please make sure that a rain coat and the snacks, drink and packed lunch are all in small rucksack for your child to carry.

If your child has an asthma inhaler or epi-pen in school we will take these with us automatically. If he/she needs any other medication such as for travel sickness, please hand the correct dose of the medicine to your child's class teacher on the morning of the trip in a sealed envelope, clearly labelled with the medication name, child's name, dose amount and time.

As we will be travelling by coach, your child will not require a booster seat.

Please complete the online payment, which will double up as your permission, by 11 September.

If you are available to join us on the trip, we would really appreciate some support from parent helpers. Please can you let me, Miss Lunn, know, either through a message at the office or coming to see me outside my current year 4 classroom.

This will be an amazing day for your child and I do hope they will all be able to attend.

Yours sincerely

Miss Lizzy Lunn