



Dear Parents/Carers

5th April 2019

Year 5 trip to London – Houses of Parliament and Westminster Abbey Friday 3rd May 2019

We are excited to be able to tell you that we have planned a trip for Y5 to London next half term. The trip will be on Friday 3rd May and will involve travelling to London by train, visiting the Houses of Parliament for a tour and workshop and visiting Westminster Abbey, similarly for a guided tour and workshop. We also hope to walk to Buckingham Palace to see the sights.

The main part of the trip is a visit to Parliament. This is a unique experience that is made possible by the Education Department there. They organise visits for schools from all over the country to see behind the scenes of the UK Parliament and take a tour of the historic building to see democracy in action. Children will take part in an engaging workshop in their dedicated Education Centre which uses immersive technology to create a unique learning experience. If you require more information about the Education Centre, please visit their website or read the information leaflet and security information we have uploaded to our school website in the Year 5 section.

The train we are taking travels straight through to Kings Cross with no stops. We will be leaving Skipton station at 06.55 so you will need to bring your child **to the station to drop off between 06.30 and 06.45** at the latest. On arrival in London, we will then travel by tube to Westminster and back. Our return train **arrives back in Skipton at 21.19 and children will need to be collected from there.**

Since we are out for such a long day, children will need to bring with them:

- a snack for the train
- a packed lunch
- a packed tea
- additional water to drink.

They may also like to bring a small item for the train e.g. a pack of playing cards or a book. They are not permitted to bring mobile phones.

Children will need to wear school jumpers and weather appropriate clothing as we will be outside for some of the time. Sensible footwear is essential. Bags will have to be carried all day so we suggest a small backpack. At the Education Centre in Parliament there are airport style security checks; no sharp implements are permitted.

The pupils will be accompanied by 6 adults, including Mrs Beetles and Mrs Fletcher. We have chosen to take experienced teaching staff to ensure the highest level of safety for our children. All our planned activities are with established education providers and in close proximity to each other. We will be constantly vigilant and the safety of pupils will be our primary concern. If, for any reason, we feel that plans need to change, we have the staff with the experience to make that happen.



The cost of the trip is being heavily subsidised so we have been able to reduce the amount of the voluntary contribution we are asking for to **£25.00 per child**. If you are in a position of financial hardship and would struggle to pay this amount, please see Mrs Beetles to discuss this. No child will be excluded from the trip if they do not make a contribution, however if insufficient contributions are made the trip may not go ahead.

This is a new venture for us as a school but we know that other local schools have undertaken this trip with great success. We believe it is a once in a lifetime opportunity, not to be missed, and will greatly enhance the children’s learning.

If you are happy for your child to take part, please complete and **return the attached slip by the end of term; Friday 12th April**. The payment needs to be made **via ParentPay before Monday 29th April**. If you have any questions about the trip, please contact school; we are more than happy to address any of your concerns.

Kind regards

Fiona Beetles

Jill Fletcher

Simone Dean

Y5 trip to London – Friday 3rd May 2019

I give permission for my child (print)
to take part in the trip to London on Friday 3rd May 2019.

I will ensure they are at Skipton railway station **before 6.45am** and will collect them from there at 9.20pm.

I will provide them with sufficient food and drink for the day.

I will pay **£25.00** on ParentPay before Monday 29th April 2019

Signed date



Sutton in Craven Community Primary School