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Re: Weston Super Mare Geography Field Trip Tuesday, 20th June 2017

Dear Parents,

As part of our geography curriculum and specifically learning about contrasting localities, we have planned a visit to the seaside town of Weston Super Mare, in Somerset.

Our visit, which will include all students from KS2, is planned to allow children to explore the seafront, carrying out a variety of geography fieldwork surveys whereby they will be able to draw comparisons between a coastal setting and that of their local town of Stratford.

In addition to this, we have booked a sand sculpting session for each class to partake of and also a donkey ride for all children. Should there be any children with allergies to donkey hair, or indeed nervous of the prospect, they can either ride in a carriage drawn by the donkey or simply enjoy watching their friends participate, should they choose not to. There'll be ice-creams too!

Children will be closely supervised by adults at all times and we will not be entering the water, nor going anywhere near to it, at any stage.

- The visit will take place on Tuesday, 20th June. We will be leaving, by coach, at 8:30 and plan to return to school between 4:30 and 5 p.m.
- Children should come dressed in their school T-shirts and sweatshirts with comfortable trousers or shorts to be worn underneath. As we will be doing a good deal of walking, comfortable shoes or trainers should be worn.
- Sunhats and sun-cream are essential for all children – I would request that a liberal coating of sun-screen is applied before they leave home that morning, whatever the weather at the time.
- Raincoats will be essential: we do not plan to abandon the trip if the weather does not favour a beach day and so all children will need to be prepared for being out in the rain. There are no in-doors activities planned and

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so shelter is limited to under the pier. Please make sure your children have the necessary protection so that they are not uncomfortable.

- To carry their lunches (and all that wet-weather gear!) each child should bring a back-pack.
- We will be having a picnic-lunch on the beach and if all children brought a sturdy plastic bag, they will have their own ready-made beach mat.
- As well as needing their own packed lunch, children will need morning and afternoon snacks, particularly as the day is longer than the usual school one. Disposable containers/bags for the lunch and snack items are advised: this should help lighten the children's back-pack load as the day progresses. As per usual, we would ask that there should be no glass bottles, fizzy drinks or yoghurt.
- Children can bring up to £5 spending money for souvenirs, in a named purse – children will be responsible for looking after their own money.
- If your child suffers from travel sickness, they should take the necessary medication before leaving in the morning and bring a tablet, in a named envelope, for the return journey. Any medication required (hayfever etc.) should be in a named packet, with full administration instructions, signed by a parent/carer and handed into the class teacher on arrival at school that morning.
- We plan to text families to inform you of any delays on our return trip. Please inform us of any change to your mobile number.

In order for the trip to take place we need to ask for a voluntary contribution of £8.25 per child to cover the cost of the coach hire, the sand sculpting workshop, the donkey ride and an ice-cream/lolly. We are grateful to our PTA who are subsidising the cost of the trip. There is no obligation for you to pay, but if we do not receive contributions from the majority of the class, we will have to cancel. Please speak to either of us, in confidence, if paying will cause a problem for you. The cost of the trip is in line with our charging policy.

Payments will be set up on School Money or you can send cash or a cheque into school with the reply slip. Cheques to be made payable to Temple Grafton School. To support us with the organisation and planning for this trip, could you return the slip to school by Wednesday 14th June.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding the planned excursion, please come and see us.

We are looking forward to a day of fun and discovery by the sea...whilst hoping for kind weather!

As always, thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Gray

Mrs Yorke



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