



18<sup>th</sup> May 2018

Dear Parents

## **Year 1 Trips to Fairhaven and Gressenhall**

We are very much looking forward to two exciting trips this term. Our first trip is to Fairhaven Water Gardens in South Walsham on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May and Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2018. Willow Class and Maple class will be going on the Tuesday with Larch and Lime classes visiting on the Wednesday. We will be leaving school by 9:30am (following a safety briefing) and will return to school in time for 'Stop and Collect'. Please let your child's teacher know if your child suffers from travel sickness.

During the visit we will be finding out about many of the plants and trees that are located within the grounds at Fairhaven. We will also be undertaking a series of workshops in groups including hedge bashing and pond dipping. We will also be going on a boat trip in our groups throughout the day. All children will be required to wear a life jacket before entering the boat. The children will be fully supervised at all times whilst on the boat as well as given assistance with embarking and disembarking.

On Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June, *all* Year 1 children will be visiting Gressenhall Workhouse and Farm, leaving at around 9:15am (following a safety briefing). We have booked this trip at the start of the half term to provide a stimulus for our new topic after half term, which is going to be 'Long, Long Ago'. We will be in our four classes as groupings for this trip, undertaking a series of activities in order to get the farmhouse ready for a 'special visitor'. We will be cooking, washing clothes and cleaning the farmhouse using methods and tools from the Victorian era. We will also have time to explore the site including the old shop and school classroom and enjoy some time on the adventure playground.

Please use the checklist below to help ensure that your child is fully equipped to have both educational and enjoyable days out. Please can your child bring the following, if they are not already in school:

- Navy jogging bottoms
- Navy fleece top
- Waterproof coat (the lightweight jacket if you have one)

Sun hats will be required if the weather continues to be fine. Long lasting sun cream should also be applied before your child comes to school.

The kitchen staff will be providing the children with a packed lunch, snacks and plenty of water for us to take. If your child suffers from hayfever, please ensure that they have had an antihistamine before coming to school and please let your child's teacher know if your child suffers from travel sickness.

Please note that the children are still required to come to school wearing their full school uniform for both the trips. The children will be wearing their school trainers for the visits. **We are asking that the girls come to school wearing their winter pinafore dresses on the trip days. This is so that they will be wearing their blue polo shirts underneath and be able to take dresses off when they come to school and put their tracksuit bottoms on. Thank you for your help with this request.**

If you have any questions or queries regarding any aspect of either trip please do not hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher.

Yours sincerely

Mr Fisher, Mrs Brown, Mrs Wilson and Mrs Parker