



26th April 2019

Dear Parents

I am writing to inform you that Year 5 will attend a day-long visit to the Centre for Computing History on Thursday 2nd May. The session will run from 10.00am to 2.00pm. We will leave school by coach at 8.30am and arrive back at around 4.00pm. Therefore, both drop off and pick-up for your child will be at normal time.

The Centre is a charitable, heritage organisation with a strong focus on learning. Much more than a museum, it hosts hands-on exhibitions, educational workshops and a wide range of activities and events. The trip closely links to the Year 5 curriculum in terms of learning to code and learning how computational thinking can then be applied to real world problems.

The group will be divided into 4 sets of children and rotate through four 'zones'. In each zone a group of pupils will experience a different aspect of the Centre and its collection, by accessing different artefacts, activities, learning styles and perspectives on the past, present and future of computing. These areas are as follows:

- The main gallery zone
- The games zone
- The Megaprocessor zone
- The classroom zone

<http://www.computinghistory.org.uk/pages/42812/learning-zones/>

The School will provide snacks and a packed lunch. Children will need to bring water in a named water bottle, as per the School's policy of refraining from using single use plastic bottles. They will not need any money for the day. Children may bring a conventional game or activity to occupy them on the coach. However, please note that no digital or electronic devices of any sort may be brought.

We anticipate an enjoyable and educational day. Should you have any questions about the trip or the computing curriculum, please do not hesitate to contact me at thughes@townclose.com.

Yours sincerely

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