

Lanchester E.P. (Cont.) Primary School & Nursery

A Caring Community Where All Can Flourish





'Through God's love, we are the rich soil where roots grow and seeds flourish.' Luke 8:4-15



Friday 6th January

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am delighted that we are able to offer our Year 3 children an overnight residential this term.

A number of years ago we introduced an overnight visit for our Year 3&4 children linked to work being studied in the Humanities curriculum. Obviously this is now an established tradition in school and once again, we are delighted to be able to offer our children the opportunity to go on an overnight visit to Birdoswald Roman Fort in Gilsland, near Brampton. This is an English Heritage site on which there are the remains of a Roman fort as well as being superbly situated for a walk along the Roman Wall.

During our two days there, the children will go on a march along Hadrian's Wall, explore and have an interactive guided tour of the site of the Roman Fort as well as participate in two workshops — one in which they will meet a 'real' Roman soldier and the other when they will have a storytelling session which is inspired by Hadrian's Wall and the Roman forts which will take place in the mile castle.

The two days are fully catered and the children will sleep in a 17th century converted farmhouse which specifically caters for large groups.

The cost of the overnight visit which includes transport, food, accommodation and workshops (and is the same as the last two years) is £70 per pupil and £30 for children who are eligible for Free School Meals. This is cheaper than the cost last year!

The visit will take place at the end of March. We have booked the accommodation for two consecutive evenings and the children will be going up in their classes. Mrs Coyle's class will go on Wednesday 22nd March to Thursday 23rd March 2023 and Mr Stephenson's class will go from Thursday 23rd March to Friday 24th March 2023.

As you can imagine, it is quite a challenge to organise these residentials due to the numbers involved and the accommodation has a capacity that we cannot exceed. Therefore it is absolutely essential that deposits are paid before the deadline and it is quite possible that we will be unable to accept any late requests.

If you would like your child to participate in this overnight visit, please give permission and pay the non-refundable deposit of £20 (£10 for children eligible for free school meals) on ParentPay or in cash to the Office, no later than Monday 31st January 2023. The remainder will be due no later than Monday 6th March 2023. However, please remember that payments can be made towards the cost of the visit at any time.

We will have a meeting on Wednesday 25th January 2023 at 6pm where final details will be shared with you. Meanwhile, if you have any further questions about this visit, please just contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Jane Davis

Mrs Jane Davis Head Teacher