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Dear Parents / Carers,



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Year 6 Trip to Harry Potter – Warner Bros Studios – Thursday, 14th December 2023

As part of the Year 6 curriculum this year, we will be learning about Harry Potter. We have chosen to explore this amazing topic, as we believe it will generate some incredible learning experiences for the children. They will have a very exciting lesson and the remainder of the time will be spent exploring the studios.

We will be travelling to the Studio in Leavesden, Hertfordshire, by coach, departing school at <u>7.00am</u> and returning at approximately <u>4.00-4.30pm</u>. Children should arrive at school at <u>6.50am</u> and go straight to the hall. Please be prompt - we need to depart on time as we cannot predict what the motorway traffic will be like and do not want to miss our tour time slot! Our return arrival time will also depend on the traffic. We will keep you informed of any early/late arrival via Studybugs – text message/email.

Friends of School have kindly given us a sum of money raised from last term's second hand uniform and cake sales, which we have offset against the cost of the visit. We would therefore ask that parents contribute £33.00 per child, inclusive of coach and entry to the Studio. This should be paid on-line via ParentPay by and can be paid in three instalments. This would be a voluntary contribution to cover the cost of the trip and payment should be made online via ParentPay by **Thursday**, **30**th **November 2023**. Although your contribution is voluntary, we do need to point out that it is probable that the trip could not take place unless all parents, who are able, are willing to contribute. We appreciate that some families might find it particularly difficult to contribute all or part of the suggested sum, and if you feel that you are in such a position, please do not hesitate to contact one of us or a member of staff in the school office in confidence to discuss whether some suitable arrangements can be made to cover the cost of your child's participation. If a family were unable to contribute, and the trip were still to proceed, no child will be disadvantaged and be left out of this trip.

We have set up a separate cost centre in ParentPay to make overpayments for trips called **Cost of Living Fund**. If you are in a position to pay more than the cost, big or small we would be extremely grateful.

Children should wear school uniform, smart, comfortable shoes and a warm coat. Please provide your child with snacks, drinks and a packed lunch, enough to last them through this long day (no fizzy drinks, glass bottles or sweets please), if your child would normally have a hot meal please remember to cancel it via Go! Catering. Packed lunch and drinks should be stored in a disposable carrier bag clearly named, as they will be collected and stored by the Studio for us. Children will not be allowed to take bags or rucksacks into the Studio, but we suggest snacks and a water bottle be brought in a separate bag to be left on the coach for the journeys. If your child is entitled to free school meals, please let the office know if you would like Go! Catering to provide a packed lunch for them by 30th November.

We will have an opportunity to visit the gift shop, but please be warned that it is very expensive. We recommend a maximum spending money of £10 per child. This should be in a small purse which your child can carry in their pocket and <u>will remain the responsibility of the child throughout the day</u>.

At some point during the school year we intend to show the movies 'Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone' and 'Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets' to the children during school time, as well as other movies deemed appropriate by staff. The Harry Potter movies are rated 'PG', we therefore require permission for your child to watch these movies and other materials that are possibly also PG. Please indicate on ParentPay whether or not you give consent.

We are all very much looking forward to an exciting day!

Kind regards

Miss Smith & Mrs Watson Year 6 Class Teachers







