

Trip payment contributions this year:

Back in July we wrote to parents explaining that we would be changing the way that we ask for parental contributions to school trips. We have considered this area carefully, and consulted with staff and the Parent Council as to how we can give our pupils the best possible experiences, whilst also ensuring that the school can run sustainably. With trips now fully taking place, we ask parents to refer back to the information that we sent before half term explaining how these contributions work. Payments are now visible on ParentPay and need to be paid **by Monday November 27th 2017.**

Year 4 visit the Science Museum:

Year 4 had a great time at the Science Museum on Thursday. They got to explore the Wonderlab's peculiar experiments. They finished off the day with a science show about electricity where they made some human electrical circuits. Everyone who went had a great time!



Year 6 visit Parliament:

Year 6 headed off to the heart of Westminster today as lucky visitors to the Houses of Parliament. We took an informative guided tour of the Palace and were able to show off our impressive knowledge of the workings of government, building on our knowledge from last terms topic on Democracy. During the tour we were able to sit in the public gallery and listen to MPs debating important issues, explore various rooms that have been home to historic moments and we also saw various MPs rushing around the Palace. After the tour we took part in a workshop that allowed us to develop our own manifestos and vote on which we liked the most. It was an inspirational day and Year 6 will be able to look back with fond memories of this trip. Photos to follow next week!

Curriculum Update from Miss Griffith:

Pupils from Year 3 to Year 6 are starting to bring home their new maths homework this week. We are really proud that so many pupils are bringing their completed work back each day, and that it is so well presented! Well done and thank you.

Please take the time to read through the maths homework instructions on the first page of your child's maths homework book with them. More information will be given about the new system and expectations in our year group Home Learning Workshops, which start next week. We look forward to seeing you there!

Morning Drop Off:

Morning gates for the Junior entrance open at 8:10. Please remember that **all children** must be dropped off in the morning by an adult and the adult must remain with the child or children until the gate is open. We're conscious that the road is very busy at this time of day and so pupils must be supervised to remain safe.

School Uniform:

Many parents have recently come into school looking for lost school jumpers. We understand that pupils can often misplace these but in order for teachers to be able to help with this, it is really important that jumpers have been labelled with the pupil name and class.

Additionally, we are noticing that many pupils are wearing incorrect footwear for P.E or clubs. Footwear should be **plain-white**. If a child has football club and has particular trainers for this, they need to be brought to school in a separate bag along with their kit.

Reminder:

We would like to invite you to attend our new model home learning workshops! These will take place during the school day and are a very special opportunity to sit with your child and their teachers to find out more about their learning.

The agenda for the first of these meetings is:

- 1) Homework guidelines and modelling
- 2) Trips information
- 3) Parent communication update and introduction to ParentMail

They will be held at the following times:

	Date and Time	Location
Year 6	Tuesday 7 th November at 3pm	Main Hall
Year 5	Wednesday 8 th November at 3pm	Main Hall
Year 4	Friday 10 th November at 3pm *	Main Hall
Year 3	Thursday 9 th November at 3pm	Main Hall

We have timetabled for these to be in the final hour of the school day so that children are able to be picked up at the end of the meeting.

Ms. Kumar

Head of Juniors.