



"Every Child Matters to God: Learning Together, Playing Together, Succeeding Together"

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Dear Parents & Carers,

At the moment our science topic is 'classification' and our history topic is 'crime and punishment', we will be focusing on these topics till the Easter holidays. We have been able to source three online workshops, which will enhance our learning, from museums around the country.

1. The Linnean Society of London

Classification (including Carl Linnaeus); identify that most living things live in habitats to which they are suited and describe how different habitats provide for the basic needs of different kinds of animals and plants, and how they depend on each other. The children will also look at the original "Systema Naturae" Carl Linnaeus's system from the 1700's.

2. Greater Manchester Police Museum and archives

What is a Peeler? Is your class good enough to join the Victorian police force? In this workshop your class will learn who formed the police and why. We will work together using the museum's collection to discover how policing has changed over time. Your class will be introduced to Robert Peel and will investigate the day to day life of the Peeler; everything from their uniform to their wages and lunches will be explored. We will finish off with a timeline challenge exploring policing from 1066 to modern day.

3. Beamish The living museum of the North

Murder Mystery There has been a murder! The "body" is to be found in The 1900s Town at Beamish. Clues have been left behind. The students need to tell the inspector what to do to solve the crime. The children will need to discover the names of the victim and the murderer, their addresses and the reason the crime happened.

Schools are not allowed to charge parents for any activity related to the regular teaching of the curriculum but we can request a voluntary contribution to cover costs of visits. The school budget is not sufficient to cover the costs of visits and unfortunately, visits cannot take place without sufficient voluntary contributions being received. If we do not receive enough contributions, unfortunately this visit will have to be cancelled. In the event of a visit being cancelled, all contributions will be returned. An extract regarding voluntary contributions, taken from the Charging and Remissions Policy, is shown on the next page.

We are asking for a voluntary contribution of £4.65 by 13th February to cover the cost of the 3 workshops. Parents can pay via ParentPay (please speak to a member of the office team if you need any help with this).

Yours sincerely,

Mrs White
Oak Class Teacher

School Visits; extract from the Charging and Remissions Policy

Voluntary Contributions

Nothing in legislation prevents a school governing body from asking for voluntary contributions for the benefit of the school or any school activities. However, if the activity cannot be funded without voluntary contributions, the governing body or head teacher will make this clear to parents at the outset. The governing body or head teacher will also make it clear to parents that there is no obligation to make any contribution.

It is important to note that no child will be excluded from an activity simply because his or her parents are unwilling or unable to pay. If insufficient voluntary contributions are raised to fund a visit, then it will be cancelled. If a parent is unwilling or unable to pay, their child will still be given an equal chance to go on the visit.

Any transport provided by the school in school hours will be provided free of charge (though a voluntary contribution could be requested).