

Mission Statement Motto: *Building relationships with God and each other, working hard in faith and hope to give our best in all things*

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30th January 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

Key Stage 1 Great Fire of London Day – Tuesday 6th March 2024

Within our planned Great Fire of London Day, we have been able to secure a booking for Key Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2) with Perform For Schools - the UK's leading provider of drama, dance and singing workshops for 4-12 year olds. These popular workshops use children's natural love of drama, role play and improvisation to spark their imaginations and stimulate their interest in topics and each one is closely aligned to the National Curriculum. The workshop, which will take place in the school hall during normal school hours, will give each class a one-hour Great Fire of London experience whereby the children will use imaginative creative resources, perform in arts-based exercises and participate in role play scenarios to provide a new look at the topic. This will involve meeting Samuel Pepys and taking a time capsule back to 1666, an interactive journey based on key dates in Pepys' diary, improvising the start of the fire in Pudding Lane and learning the Fire of London Rap. For the rest of the day, the children will also engage in further cross-curricular activities and crafts that will be planned and led by the Key Stage 1 class teachers.

The cost of this visit has incurred a charge of £3.90 per child to help cover the cost of the visit. Payment should be made via Arbor. Unfortunately, we are no longer able to take card payments at the School Office. If you are experiencing financial difficulties at this time, you are welcome to make an appointment via the School Office to discuss further. Please be aware, however, that this visit will have to be cancelled if not enough parents are willing to make this voluntary contribution. **We would be grateful if permission slips are returned and payment received by Monday, 12th February 2024.**

To aid the children's immersion into the day, we are asking that children come to school that day dressed up as a towns person living in the Stuart era. We have included some ideas below. Please do not spend lots of money – charity shops are a great resource.

Boys

- Shorts/trousers
- Long socks
- T-shirt
- Waistcoat
- Hat



Girls

- Dress/skirt
- Blouse
- Waistcoat/apron
- Bonnet
- Tights



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Being in costume will help to make the experience memorable and more authentic. The teachers will also be in costume! We are sure this day will help the children to empathise with people of the past and this in turn will lead to some fantastic history and literacy work.

As this visit will take place in school, lunch arrangements are as normal. Please ensure your child still has a warm waterproof coat to wear during break times. On this occasion we will not need any parent volunteers.

We thank you for your continued support.

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs N Moore, Mrs C Steele and Mrs J Pettet
Key Stage 1 Teaching Team



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Please return completed slip to the School Office by deadline of Monday, 12th February 2024

Child's Name: _____ **Class:** _____

I give consent for my child to participate in the Great Fire of London Day on Tuesday, 6 th March 2024	
I confirm that I have made the payment of £3.90 via Arbor	

Parent Name: _____

Signed: _____ **Date:** _____

