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18th October 2019

Dear Parent/Carer,

Year 2 Visit to Lincoln Castle

Wednesday 13th November 2019 – 8.30am start to approximately 3.30pm

As part of our History lessons we have been learning about castles and the life of those who lived in them. To support the children's learning we would like to offer the opportunity to visit Lincoln Castle. The children will take part in the following activities that will enhance their knowledge of castles and what happened in them as part of everyday life.

Castle Wall Walk

The children will be given a guided tour of the castle walls where they will learn all about what it was like to be a soldier in medieval times. They will name the parts of the castle walls and have first-hand experience of looking through the battlements. During the walk, the children will have the opportunity to take in the amazing view over Lincoln and stop for a moment to appreciate the view of Lincoln Cathedral.

Being a Knight

As part of the experience day, each child will make their own shield, reinforcing the work that we will have covered with regards the meaning behind colours and symbols. The children will also get the opportunity to experience what it was like being an Archer in medieval times, when they shoot their own bow and arrow! (Please note these are wooden with rubber ends and not real bow and arrows!). Whilst they do so, they will learn about which people defended the Castle alongside trying on and handling real suits of armour to experience just how heavy medieval body armour really was!

Banquet

We will finish off by experiencing a medieval banquet. The children will take on the roles of the King, Queen, Royal helpers and guests of the feast. They will be given a drink and squash whilst they roleplay the Royal Banquet. Children will also have the opportunity to be the jester where they will tell jokes and see who can make the King and Queen laugh! (Get practicing those jokes as the teacher's jokes are always the funniest!)

As you can tell it is a jam packed day full of fun and historical investigating and we guarantee that the children will have an extremely memorable experience with many children from last year still talking about it as their favourite memory. We will also need some parent volunteers to support us with the trip. If you are available to help, then please let your child's class teacher know.

The trip will take place on:

Wednesday 13th November 2019 – leaving at 9:00am and returning at approximately 3:30pm

Please can we ask that all children are at school by 8:30am at the latest to allow time for them to use the toilet and board the bus.

There is a voluntary contribution of £18.20 for your child to attend the trip which must be made via Wisepay. The cost is based on all children attending and payment being made. As parent/carer, the cost of other's non-payment does not get passed on to you. Although, this is a voluntary contribution, we must stress that a shortfall in contributions may prevent the trip from going ahead. If you have difficulties in making the payment, please book an appointment with Diane Mulley or a member of the SLT.

The children will need to wear school uniform. As part of the day will be spent outside please ensure that your child has a waterproof coat and appropriate footwear for the weather conditions.

PACKED LUNCH - We can provide your child with a packed lunch for this trip. This will include a sandwich, fresh fruit, carrot sticks or cucumber, yoghurt and juice. Please complete the choice of cheese or ham sandwich on the reply slip attached. If you would prefer to provide a packed lunch from home, please indicate this on the form. If you do send a packed lunch with your child it will need to be put in a disposable bag as we will throw these away after lunch. Your child will still need to bring a drink with them for during the day.

Please make your payment via Wisepay and return the consent slip to your child's Class Teacher by Friday 8th November 2019.

Yours sincerely,

Annabel Cooper, Jessica Schaffer and Deborah Newnham
Year 2 Team

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To the Class Teacher:

🏰 My child in class would like a place on the Year 2 Visit to Lincoln Castle.

Signed (Parent/Carer): Date.....

Year 2 Visit to Lincoln Castle – Lunch Order Form

To the School Office:

🏰 I have paid £18.20 by Wisepay YES/NO

🏰 I would like school to provide a packed lunch YES/NO

If YES, please select **one** from below:

Cheese sandwich

or

Ham sandwich

Child's Name: Class:

If you need any help with using Wisepay please contact the School Office or email alex.stoker@spaldingparish.lincs.sch.uk.