



The Firs

Lower School

Dear Parents/Carers

6th February 2019

Year 3 Faith Tour

This year, Year 3 have been exploring a range of religious beliefs as part of their R.E. curriculum. In order to support and enhance their learning, there will be a visit to Queen's Park in Bedford, where the children will participate in a 'Faith Tour'. Each tour will be led by a member of that faith community. The children will spend time at All Saint's Parish Church, Jamia Masjid Gulshane Baghdad Mosque and Guru Nanak Gurdwara. The visit will take place on Tuesday 12th March 2019 during the school day. Please ensure children arrive promptly to school in the morning, as the coach will be leaving at 9:15am.

In order to promote tolerance and respect for other faiths, and as the Gurdwara has a vegetarian ethos, the community has asked that visitor's packed lunches should be vegetarian in content (no meat, fish or eggs). In order to support parents with this, the school is offering a vegetarian packed lunch for children to take with them, at a cost of £2.15. In addition, all children should bring a bottle of water in a plastic container, an adult head scarf (not baseball cap or handkerchief) to cover their head when entering the Gurdwara and the Mosque.

We are asking for a voluntary contribution of £6.70 (this does not include the cost of lunch) from each child and it is necessary to point out that due to budgetary constraints, it is essential that voluntary contributions cover the costs of the event and if a number of parents feel unable to make a contribution, this event will have to be cancelled.

Please return the reply slip and pay via ParentPay £6.70 for this trip. If you would like a lunch provided please pay £2.15 via ParentPay in the normal way, unless your child is a free school meal, by **Friday 1st March**.

If there are any parents/adults who are willing and able to help on the trip could you please indicate on the attached reply slip. We are very grateful to those adults who help to make our visits such a positive experience for our pupils. There are limited spaces for parent volunteers, if we have too many, parents will be chosen randomly. If you are not chosen for this trip you will be considered for another trip this year.

Kind regards

Miss Hill, Mrs Rogers and Mrs Wilson

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Y3 Faith Tour Reply Slip

Please return this form with to your child's teacher or the school office by **Friday 1st March**. Please note if you would like a vegetarian school packed lunch, please pay £2.15 via ParentPay in the normal way unless your child is a free school meal.

Child's name.....Class.....

* I do/do not give permission for my child to attend the Faith Tour on Tuesday 12th March 2019 and have paid £6.70 via ParentPay.

* I do want the school to provide a vegetarian packed lunch and have paid £2.15 via ParentPay.

* I do not want the school to provide lunch as I will provide my child with a vegetarian packed lunch.

* I am / am not able to help with this visit.

* **Please delete as appropriate**