



The Firs

Lower School

November 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

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 Wednesday 8th February during the school day. Please ensure children arrive promptly to school in the morning, as the coach will be leaving just after registration.

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 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 £9.80 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.

Payment is to be made through ParentPay, by Wednesday 4th January 2023, where you will also have the opportunity to offer your support as a parent/carer helper for the day. 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

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