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March 2019

**Year 5 visit to Wicksteed Park Thursday May 23<sup>rd</sup> 2019**

Dear Parent

As a fabulous finish to our topic called 'Scream Machines' Year 5 will be visiting Wicksteed Park for the day on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May. We will leave school after the morning register and will aim to be back to school before the end of the school day. (Traffic allowing!) As always we will keep you updated by Twitter should any changes to times occur.

The children will have the opportunity to look closely at Fairground machines and see first-hand some of the systems that allow them to work. They will take part in practical activities where they will be challenged to build their own machines that replicate some of the movements they have seen and they will also use the free playground area to carry out experiments. They will also find out about the history of Wicksteed Park and how it has developed. We also hope to have a look at their animals as well as enjoy a delicious ice cream treat!

The children will have the chance to have a ride either on the train or the carousel, but this is **not** a day out on all the rides as you may have as a family.

Your child will need to bring a packed lunch with plenty of drinks for the day. (We suggest they bring their lunch in disposable packaging to avoid carrying heavy lunchboxes with them all day.) They will need to be dressed in school uniform/ colours with shoes that will allow them to comfortably walk around the park. Please take note of the weather and send waterproofs as well as sun cream as many of our planned activities will take place outside.

The cost of the visit will be £19.00 which will cover entrance to the park and coach hire. (As well as a Black Death theme day, please see below).

**Please make payment via the school's online payment system at [www.schoolgateway.com](http://www.schoolgateway.com) by Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May. Please ensure that you click on the consent box too.** If you are unable to pay online, you can collect a Pay Point Voucher from the office and pay in cash at a local PayPoint in town (Nisa, Whittlesey Co-op or Delph petrol station). Unfortunately if we do not receive sufficient payments the trip will have to be cancelled.

All children will be accompanied by adults who have been DBS cleared by Park Lane School. Unfortunately if not enough voluntary contributions are received the visits may have to be cancelled.

**Dates for your diary**

As part of our fabulous finish to our topic called 'Peasants, Princes and Pestilence' Year 5 will be holding a Black Death theme day on Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> July. The cost of this is included in the £19.00 we are currently asking for. . We would like children to dress up in costume for this day. Further information will be sent out nearer the time

On Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June, Year 5 will be visiting Whittlesey Fire Station in the morning to take part in a Safety Zone event. There will be no charge for this.

Yours sincerely

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