

Dear Parent and Carers,

Monday 28th September 2020



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Beamish at Christmas – Visit for all children from Y1 to Y6

Traditionally in December all children in our school have the pleasure of attending a theatrical production. Pre-School and Reception children are still going to be able to experience this. The Big Foot Theatre Company will be visiting our school to perform 'The Greediest Christmas Elf'.

Sadly the rest of the children will not be able to visit the Northern Stage in Newcastle to enjoy a live theatrical performance but luckily we have Beamish Museum on our doorstep and they have agreed to host a visit for us on Thursday 10th December and I know they are going to make it a memorable experience for the children.

Years 1 to 6 will visit Beamish Museum in our bubbles. Each bubble will have the day timetabled for them so that they keep separate from the other groups – just as they would in school.

The Museum have agreed to offer the following, in addition to entrance to the Museum itself.

Year 1 and Year 2 will enjoy a ride on the carousel

Year 3 and Year 4 will experience a Victorian classroom

5M and 56T/6P will have the opportunity to go ice-skating



In addition to this the Upper Key Stage 2 children will have a mini Carol Service in their bubble. This will take place in the boardroom at the bank. The bubbles will have learnt some Christmas Carols and we will be asking some children to do readings. They will have an allocated time when they'll come to the boardroom and will hold this mini service. It will not be possible to have a congregation for this but we hope to record it and share it with you via our school YouTube Channel.

We think it will be quite magical for the children to visit Beamish at this time of the year and appreciate Beamish Museum facilitating this for us.

We'll use School Fund and a substantial donation from the Friends of Tanfield Lea to pay for the buses (there will be a bus per bubble) which means the cost for each child is £10 (for admission and the activity).

I hope that you will be able to support us by making this financial contribution. If you start paying now it will be just over £1 a week per child and we encourage parents to make regular payments.

Payment is via the SchoolComms App and we'd like full payment to be made by Monday 30th November.

The children will need a packed lunch that day and, as it is a visit out of school, it can include one packet of crisps and one chocolate item.

Y1 and Y2 children All children in Y1 and Y2 will receive a school packed lunch if they currently have a dinner. If you would like to supplement this on that day you can.

Y3, 4, 5 and 6 children. All children who receive free school meals will be given a school packed lunch.

If you pay for your child's school meal but you'd like them to have a packed lunch from home that day please complete the form by following the link below.

<https://forms.gle/uPomuJggU2T7fHMr7>

You only need to complete this form if you pay for a dinner and **do not want them to have a school packed lunch that day.**

Please complete the form by Monday 5th October otherwise we will assume you want your child to have a school packed lunch.

Many thanks.
Kay Hemmings
Head Teacher