

Dear Parents/Carers,

Monday 14th September 2020



As you will know, your child should be at Grinton this week. I know it's a great disappointment that they have missed out on the visit this year.

The good news is, we've managed to arrange a day hike for the children on Tuesday 29th September.

We'll leave school at about 9:15 a.m. and go by bus to Bowlees Visitors' Centre. We'll meet Stuart Thompson who would have been our guide on the day walk at Grinton. He will lead the walk. We'll be walking from Low Force to High Force. We'll then return via a different route, back to the Visitors' Centre. If there is time we'll also visit Gibson's Cave.

It should be an enjoyable day for the children – they will learn about the local area, the geographical features around them and will enjoy a wealth of great scenery. It will go some way, I hope, to compensate for not going on the residential.

We will hire one bus. The Y5s from Mr Temple's class will sit at the front of the bus, some distance away from Mrs Morning's Y5s and they will walk together during the day.

Due to the distance we need to go, and the fact we want to make the most of the day, we will not get back to school until about 4:15 p.m. The office staff will update you via email once we let them know we are on our way back.

Your child will need to come dressed for a low-level walk in the countryside.

They'll need:

- Comfortable footwear – sturdy trainers or walking boots (only if they have them)
- Trousers (not jeans as if they get wet they stay wet and become very cold)
- Layers on upper body – T-shirt, jumper + spare jumper in their rucksack
- Apply suntan lotion before leaving home (if the weather is looking good)
- Waterproof coat
- Rucksack with two shoulder straps to ensure their hands are free at all times.
- Packed lunch which can include a chocolate biscuit and a packet of crisps as well as the usual sandwiches and fruit etc. Please make sure they have plenty to eat for the day as being outside and exercising can increase the appetite. Make sure they have plenty of water for the day too. (Those who receive Free School Meals will be given one from school. If you buy a dinner, please let the office know if you want your child to have a packed lunch from home that day.)
- Waterproof coat

The visit will cost each child £10. This is to cover the cost of the bus and the fee for Mr Thompson. For those who have paid money for Grinton we will take this from your payments and then refund the rest.

We've sent a paper letter to explain this visit as well as an email because, due to the change of arrangements, we need you to return the slip of paper below confirming that you have read the letter and know that it is going to be a late return (approximately 4:15 p.m.) and we'd like to know if you do pay for dinners, if you'd like a school packed lunch or dinner.

Please return this slip by Friday 18th September.

We hope the sun will shine and the children will have a great day.

Many thanks

Kay Hemmings

Head Teacher

Y5 Walk from Low Force to High Force – 29th September 2020

Name of Child: _____

Name of Parent: _____ Signed: _____

I can confirm that I have read the letter and will arrange to pick my child up at about 4:15 p.m. on 29th September.

Only complete this next statement if your child pays for a school dinner:

I would/would not like my child to have a school packed lunch for the visit.

Please return this slip to school by Friday 18th September. Thank you.