

Dear Parents

7<sup>th</sup> July 2021

As you will know from the newsletter, our Upper School children are going to walk from Craster to Embleton on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July, and then spend some time on the beach. Usually there is no charge for this visit as the Friends of Tanfield Lea offer to pay for half of the cost of the buses and our school fund funds the rest. However, this year the buses have gone up significantly in price. As stated in the March newsletter, we asked parents to leave the £10 contributed for the Beamish visit that did not take place at Christmas so that this could go towards the cost of the buses for this visit.

The Friends have kindly agreed to fund the rest.

If you have already paid the £10 contribution for Beamish then you do not need to do anything else. If you haven't then you will receive a notification tomorrow on the Schoolcomms App requesting a voluntary payment of £10.

Let's hope the weather is as kind to us as it was last week for our Sports Week. It's too soon to tell at the moment what it will be like.

Can you please make sure your child arrives to school promptly today so that we can get a good start to the day.

**Can you make sure your child has the following for the day:-**

- Suntan lotion (ensure they come with it already applied and with some to put on later during the day)
- Sun hat/Baseball cap and waterproof jacket – be prepared for anything as the weather can change and forecasts are not always accurate
- Casual clothes suitable for a walk (i.e. shorts, T-shirt, trainers or walking sandals). Please make sure the children are wearing T-shirts rather than vest tops to give them more protection if the weather is good and that they bring a jumper too as even though the forecast is good it may be cooler by the coast
- A Packed Lunch – for the day, this can include a packet of crisps and could include something extra to the usual packed lunch as the children may be more hungry due to being out in the fresh air and being active.

**If your child receives Free School Meals they will be provided with a school packed.**

***On this occasion we will not be offering a packed lunch to those who pay for a school meal as the take up on these is very small.***

- Extra water to drink –it can be a diluted fruit drink but no fizzy drinks and no glass bottles please.
- If they are wanting to paddle please ensure they bring a towel and a change of clothes (e.g. swimming costume or another set of clothes) Inevitably when they paddle they get quite wet!
- Bucket and Spade (optional)

All of this needs to be carried by the children throughout the day so they will need a rucksack style bag i.e. two shoulder straps.

To ensure the safety of everyone and to help limit any possible spread of the virus everyone (adults and children) will be required to wear a mask on the bus. The staff will also ensure that there is a seating plan for the bus and that all children will sit in these seats for both journeys. Please make sure your child brings a mask in a plastic bag for the journey there and back.



When we do this visit we are usually back for 3:15.

This time though, to avoid any congestion both outside of school and on the yard, we will email parents to tell you when your child's year group is expected back.

We will aim for 3:15 but could be a little after that, depending on the traffic.

If you are collecting other siblings from school then please feel free to remain on the school site but ensure that you distance yourself from others.

If you are only collecting a KS2 child then please don't come to school until you have had the email indicating their expected return time.

### **We'll dismiss the children as follows:**

#### **Y5 and Y6**

They will be dismissed from the bus as they usually walk out themselves anyway.

If you come to meet your child outside of school please wait in the car or, if you are on foot, on the opposite side of the road but remind your child that they must cross with the School Crossing Patrolman. This will ease congestion.

#### **Y3**

The children will come through the main entrance and then be brought onto the Upper School Yard and will wait for parents there.

#### **Y4**

The children will come through the main entrance and then be brought into the cage area just on this particular occasion. Please gather in the cage, socially distanced, avoiding the pathway through.

To help with leaving at the end of the day, please don't send your children in with any of their usual school things on this day e.g. Personal Organiser, Book Bags etc. so that they don't have to go back into the porches.

We look forward to a lovely day.

Yours sincerely

Kay Hemmings (Head Teacher)

