



4th September 2019

Dear Parents / Carers

## **Year 6 visit Wrest Park Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September – full day visit**

We are eagerly looking forward to our annual visit to Wrest Park with year 6. We have a very packed schedule to ensure we make the most of our visit. This means that we need to ensure a very prompt departure in the morning – all the pupils must be registered at 8.55am. We will return to school around 3.20pm – ie comfortably ahead of school buses.

During the day pupils will take part in two separate sessions. One of these is led by the Art department and will involve creating art in various beautiful locations around the park. There is a bridge over a river that is reminiscent of paintings by Monet. This part of the park also has a charming Chinese pagoda and a Sequoia tree that is thought to be the tallest tree in Bedfordshire. The features for sketching include the 'Long Water' through the middle of the park and the 18th century Pavilion. The other activity is led by the English department and involves visiting four very different and fascinating locations in the mansion and around the park. These are used as stimuli for pupils to beginning to develop creative writing in response. The quality of work that pupils have produced in past years from these experiences has been outstanding.

There are a number of practical preparations for you and your child to take into account:

- i. The day is a mufti day, but pupils must wear trainers and also comfortable warm clothing as they will be outdoors all day.
- ii. Pupils should bring coats, again because of being outdoors all day and also in case we have rain.
- iii. A light back pack – eg draw string bag – will be helpful for keeping lunch, pencil case etc in a convenient manner
- iv. It would be helpful to bring a light mat or plastic bag to sit on when in the Art session (sitting on the grass.)
- v. Pupils should bring a plastic wallet to contain pen and pencil. If you have a clipboard that will be very helpful indeed. If you do not have a clipboard, pupils should bring something to lean on when writing – this could be their GNB.)
- vi. Pupils should bring packed lunch and snacks to eat during the day.
- vii. Pupils should also bring their drink for the day.
- viii. Parents will be relieved to know that there is no need to bring money. Although Wrest Park has a gift shop, we do not have time within the day for shopping there.

We are asking parents for a voluntary contribution of £4.50 towards the cost of the coach. If



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we do not receive sufficient contributions for this trip, unfortunately, the trip may have to be cancelled. Please note that a reply slip is needed for every child to attend the trip, please return the attached slip as soon as possible.

All monies are to be paid by Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September. Our preferred method of payment is online through our Tucasi schools cash office system. For online payments please go to: <https://holywellschool.co.uk/online-payments>. Online payments are a safer and more secure method of payment. If you have not paid online before, you will need an online access code to register, please email Mrs Willoughby, our finance assistant, ([kwilloughby@holywellschool.co.uk](mailto:kwilloughby@holywellschool.co.uk)).

The school holds a small contingency fund to help those in financial difficulties, if this applies to your circumstances, please contact in confidence, Mrs L Fuller, Officer Manager at [lfuller@holywellschool.co.uk](mailto:lfuller@holywellschool.co.uk). Please also refer to our Charging and Remissions Policy, as posted on our website.

Thank you for your support. If there are any other questions you have do please contact the school office.

Yours sincerely



P Brown  
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REPLY SLIP

To: Mr P Brown

WREST PARK TRIP – MONDAY, 16<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2019

Child's Name: .....

Tutor Group: .....

My child would like to attend the above trip.

I have paid online: Date..... Reference No.....

I enclose a £4.50 contribution (cheques to be made payable to Holywell School)

I would like to discuss support with financing this trip and I will contact Mrs Fuller

Signed: ..... (Parent / Carer) Date: .....