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Dear Parents/Carers,

As part of our autumn topic, A Journey Through Time, we will be taking our Year 5 pupils on a geography expedition to explore the local area of Biddulph. Children will be given the opportunity to practice their mapwork skills in an outdoor environment that is different from a classroom, build on their learning of Biddulph and visit Biddulph Grange Gardens run by The National Trust. This amazing Victorian garden was created by James Bateman for his collection of plants from around the world. The visit will take pupils on a global journey from Italy to the pyramids of Egypt, a Victorian vision of China and a re-creation of a Himalayan glen. Over this term, we will continue to learn about the local history and geography and how it has helped to shape the Biddulph we live in today. This visit will be a great opportunity for children to see, first hand, an area of the town that is and was of great importance many years ago.

The visit will run on Friday 27th October 2023. We will be leaving school at around 9:30am and returning for the end of the school day. Pupils will be accompanied by school staff for the length of the visit and we will lead them on tours whilst at Biddulph Grange Gardens.

All children will need to bring a packed lunch with them to eat in the picnic areas available on site. If your child is in receipt of free school meals and wish to order one from school, you will need to order a packed lunch by emailing hdalgleish@jamesbateman.staffs.sch.uk (please put GRANGE in the subject) a lunch can also be ordered at a cost of £2.50 for pupils wishing to purchase from school. All lunches must be ordered by Wednesday 25th October. (Please state Ham, Cheese or Tuna)

We will be walking both there and back, and therefore it is vital that pupils are wearing warm, waterproof footwear and outerwear. They can wear their school PE kit or suitable sportswear that they will be comfortable in. Pupils should also ensure that they have a suitable bag to carry their belongings in for the duration of the visit.

If the weather turns out to be very poor then unfortunately we will not be able to do this visit on the planned date, but we will try our best to rearrange them for another time. This trip is free and comes at no cost to parents, so no monies will be lost in the case of a cancellation. Consent for your child's attendance should be given on the Arbor app.

Behaviour and attendance will be closely monitored prior to the trip. Should a pupil's behaviour or attendance cause us concern then their place on the trip may be challenged. We will keep you informed if this is the case. Any pupil who has over 10 behaviour points leading up to the trip will not be able to attend.

If there are any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Kind regards,

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