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21st September 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

In the next few weeks, we will be taking our Year 5 pupils on a visit to Chatterley Whitfield Mine to help develop their learning of Biddulph and beyond. Chatterley Whitfield is an industrial time capsule and is widely acknowledged to be the most comprehensive surviving example of a deep mine site in England. The children will have a brilliant opportunity to speak to people who used to work in the mines, get hands on with real mining artefacts from years ago and explore the impressive architecture left behind.

The visits will run over two days – Thursday 12th October and Thursday 19th October. Two classes will go each day, leaving school at around 9:00am and returning for the end of the school day. They will be accompanied by school staff and will be given tours and taking part in activities lead by Chatterley Whitfield staff. Please see below to find out which days your child's class will be visiting Chatterley Whitfield.

12/10/2023 – 5BES and 5CF

19/10/2023 – 5SLF and 5RB

All children will need to bring a packed lunch with them and there will be indoor seating available. 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 CHATTERLEY 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 the Tuesday before the trip the pupil is attending.

We will be walking both there and back and therefore, it is vital that pupils are wearing warm, waterproof footwear and outerwear. School uniform is still to be worn. If the weather turns out to be very poor then unfortunately, we will not be able to visit the mine on the planned dates, 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.

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

Kind regards,

Mrs S. Fletcher
Year 5 Progress Lead