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Dear Parents and Carers,

As a school, we understand how our educational visits out of school and visitors into school make an invaluable contribution to our pupils' first-hand understanding of the world in a range of contexts. Our long-term curriculum planning is linked to our educational visits. They provide opportunities to develop children's general and subject based knowledge, thinking and problem-solving skills, life skills such as building curiosity, resilience, co-operation and independence.

Teaching staff do consider carefully the educational visit opportunities for each year group. With visits which are further afield, significant costs are involved, and school is mindful of the amount that is asked of parents in terms of contributions. Coach costs alone are rising yearly: last year a return visit to Hesley Woods costs £450, the cost of the coach to Ripon Museum was around £780 and the cost of the coach to Wentworth Garden Centre for our FS children was £500.

School is aware that there are an increasing number of families who are struggling financially. Trying to find a balance with requests for contributions towards supporting an educational visit is a constant challenge for school and for parents.

With all the above in mind, school has planned a variety of educational visits and visitors for this academic year: this includes sporting competitions and opportunities to take part in music and dance festivals for example. Other visits include those with a farming, field studies or the natural environment



focus. There are also visits to art galleries alongside local visits which develop a deeper understanding of our local area and community. Please see the timetable below of these events which will be updated regularly as more opportunities arise.

### Pantomime

For the past few years, school has offered the experience of a pantomime visit to a Sheffield theatre. This year, in balancing our educational visits linked to the curriculum, a pantomime has been arranged which will take place at school. By doing this, school can focus more on the curriculum educational visits and reducing overall costs for parents. Where possible, we will endeavour to visit a theatre every other year.

On Friday 29th November 2024 there will be a performance of **Snow White** performed by M&M Theatrical Productions. Foundation Stage and Key Stage One pupils will attend the performance in the morning. KS2 children will attend the performance in the afternoon.

The cost of the 'Snow White' performance is £5.00 per child. Please make payment via the **ParentPay** offer entitled "**Pantomime 2024**" by 11.59pm on **Friday 8th November 2024**.

### Fundraising

To support our ambitious offer of curriculum visits, school will need to continue to raise funds so that visits can be subsidised for all year groups. Any suggestions or offers of help are greatly received. Please contact Mrs Robinson (Head of School) in the first instance for any suggestions/ideas.

We believe that every young person should experience the world beyond the classroom as an essential part of learning and personal development whatever their age, ability or circumstances.

Thank you for your continued support.

J Eagleton



	FS	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
<b>Autumn</b>  Harvest Celebrations  Whole school Pantomime  Local library visit - one per team for each class	Visit from a dentist into school.	Local walk around Ecclesfield. History - homes in the past and present, Geography - Where do we live and play?	Visit into school from Religious Leader.  Yorkshire Sculpture Park. Links to art and sculptures alongside development of geographical fieldwork skills.	Ancient Egyptians visitor in school (to be confirmed). Link to history.  Y3/4 Dragonball (Arches) 26.11.2024	Yorkshire Wildlife Park. Links to science learning on animals and geographical fieldwork skills.  Y3/4 Dragonball (Arches) 26.11.2024	Jorvik Viking Centre in York (provisional date 13.12.2024). Links to history.  Y5/6 girls football 22.10.2024	Bikeability 16.09.24 onwards in school.  Tom Palmer coming in to talk about historical fiction (to be confirmed).  Y6 boys football 15.10.2024  Y5/6 girls football 22.10.2024
<b>Spring</b>  Easter Celebrations  Local Library Visit - one per team for each class	Visit to Ecclesfield Church to support RE learning and developing knowledge of our community.		Emergency Services Museum visit - links to history learning on Great Fire of London and changes in our society,	Kingswood residential developing variety of inter personal skills alongside adventurous activities (to be confirmed pending interest)  Opportunity to take part in Young Voices Singing Performance.	Local (geography) fieldwork - Rivelin / Ecclesfield visits.  Opportunity to take part in Young Voices Singing Performance.  Arches Dance festival 23.04.2025	Opportunity to take part in Young Voices Singing Performance.  Arches Dance Festival 23.04.2025	Crucial Crew visit 17.01.2025 - preparing children for life in wider society.  Opportunity to take part in Young Voices Singing Performance.  Arches Dance Festival 23.04.2025



<p><b>Summer</b></p> <p>Local Library Visit - one per team for each class</p>	<p>Minibeast encounter visitor in school. Links to our topic "I wonder what's hiding in the garden?".</p> <p>Wentworth Garden centre trip. Links to developing the characteristics of effective learning and developing understanding of the world early learning goal.</p>	<p>Visit to a local shop to learn how to use money. Links to maths.</p> <p>Cannon Hall Farm visit. Links to: History; the history of farming, Geography - Where does our food come from?).</p>	<p>Fieldwork fortnight. Local visit to Ecclesfield Church. Links to RE.</p> <p>Ecclesall Woods to look at plants. Links to science and geography.</p>	<p>Magna Science Museum visit including light workshop. Links to science curriculum and historical links (Sheffield).</p> <p>Y3/4 Tag Rugby 01.06.2025</p>	<p>Murton Park Visit. Links to historical learning on Romans.</p> <p>Y3/4 Tag Rugby 01.06.2025</p>	<p>Ripon Workhouse Museum in Ripon, North Yorkshire. Links to history learning.</p>	<p>Thornbridge residential for 2 nights - supporting a variety of interpersonal skills.</p> <p>Local visit - disability unit links to geography, exploring local area for wheelchair users.</p> <p>Transition visits with local secondary schools.</p> <p>Partnership Games - PE based 19.06.2025</p>
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