

Dear Year 2 Parents and Carers,

As part of our History curriculum this half term, we will be learning about Monarchy. To support this, we have booked to take the children in Year 2 to visit The Royal Mews, Buckingham Palace. The Royal Mews is responsible for all road travel arrangements for The King and members of the Royal Family, from horse-and-carriage to car and from livery to harness. The Mews are home to many historic royal carriages and is one of the finest working stables in existence. We are confident that this visit to our Nation's capital will bring their historical learning to life and will support their understanding of the many different jobs that are available to them, deepen their appreciation of British culture and heritage and see first-hand the symbolism and pageantry of Royal events.

**This trip will take place on Friday 16th May.**

To reduce the cost of the visit and to add to the cultural experience of the trip, we will be travelling to Buckingham Palace by train. To support this, we will ask you to meet us at Haslemere Train Station. Exact travel times will be confirmed two weeks prior to departure (when train times can be confirmed) but we anticipate meeting at approximately 9:15am. To maximise the learning time in London, we will return to Haslemere by approximately 5pm. On the day, we will communicate via email if there are any delays or disruption affecting our return time.

Mrs Kelsey, Mr McFarlane and Mrs Bell will accompany the children on this trip. We would appreciate additional volunteers to enable us to maintain a higher than necessary adult to pupil ratio. Please contact the office to let us know if you are able to attend, and to start the DBS process if you have not already done so.

If you would like Chartwells to provide a school packed lunch, please ensure you order this with at least 3 weeks' notice on their website. We suggest that all children bring plenty of additional snacks alongside their lunch and water, we will ensure that children have lots of opportunities to snack during the day.

Children must wear school uniform for this trip, however we suggest they wear trainers or other suitable comfortable footwear as they will spend most of the day on foot. Please ensure that the children either have a waterproof jacket or sun hat as appropriate for the weather forecast.

To fund this opportunity, we are requesting a voluntary contribution of **£35** towards the cost of this trip. This covers the cost of the train travel and entrance to The Royal Mews. We are able to fund the cost of this and other trips for families eligible for pupil premium funding – please apply online at <https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/education-children-and-families/schools-and-colleges/free-school-meals/> if you think you might be eligible. While contributions for school trips are voluntary, the Government is clear that schools should cancel any trips that there is not funding for. We hope that you can make your contribution to cover the cost for your child so that we can go ahead with this visit. Payment should be made via your Arbor account no later than **9th May**.

If you have any queries, please reach out to Mrs Kelsey to via the school office.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Kelsey and Mr McFarlane

Headteacher: Mrs Jennifer Thornton

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