



Year 5 Faith Trip

29th January 2024

Dear Parents/ carers,

At South End Junior, we believe that Religious Education plays an important role within the curriculum. It promotes spiritual, moral, cultural and mental health development, preparing learners for the opportunities, responsibilities and experiences of later life, and helping them to become successful learners, confident individuals and responsible citizens. Children are introduced to Christianity, Islam, Hinduism, Judaism, Sikhism, Buddhism and Humanism throughout their time with us. They are encouraged to explore religious origins, main beliefs, key vocabulary, festivals of importance, religious texts and symbols before learning how to compare, contrast and develop respectful opinions of them. We allow children to be active, thoughtful, reflective and expressive in their handling of questions about beliefs, religion, spirituality and values. We aim to include elements of enquiry, analysis, interpretation, evaluation and reflection within our lessons whilst ensuring children understand the importance of showing tolerance and understanding the diverse nature of our world.

We work closely with our local communities and welcome visitors to our school by people of different faiths. By the time our children move to secondary school, we aim for them to have visited at least three different places of worship.

To this end, we are planning to take the children on a faith tour around Bedford on **Tuesday 27th February 2024**. This trip is a significant part of the Y5 RE curriculum, in particular the compulsory assessed areas of 'Learning about religion and belief' and 'Learning from religion and belief'. The entire cost of the trip will be funded by the school.

During the trip, the children will have opportunities to explore a Gurdwara, a Mosque and a Church. They will learn about Christianity, Islam and Sikhism through first-hand experience as well as how these diverse communities work alongside each other. Children will not be asked to take part in any worship or prayer.

The children need to be at school at the usual time of 8:40am please. We plan to leave at 9.00am and will be back before the end of the school day. The children must wear their school uniform so that they can be easily identified while off site.

In keeping with our school value of 'Respect', when inside the Gurdwara, all children must cover their hair with a scarf. Girls will be asked to do the same in the Mosque. Children may also be asked to remove their shoes at certain parts of the tour, so please ensure they are wearing socks or tights for comfort and warmth.

A packed lunch will be needed on the day of the trip please. As a mark of respect, packed lunches must be vegetarian for this one day (no meat, poultry, fish or eggs). We suggest lunch is wrapped in disposable packaging, and the children bring a snack and a suitable amount of drink. All can be carried in a rucksack. If your child receives Free School Meals, please contact the school office who will arrange for their lunch to be delivered early that day so they can take it on the trip with them.

Please complete the consent Form via Parentmail, providing permission for your child to attend the trip.

If you have any questions, please speak with your child's class teacher.

Thank you for your support.

Mrs Moody

Year 5 Lead



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