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Dear Year 5 Parents and Carers

Year 5 Visit to National Arboretum on Wednesday 3rd July 2024

I am pleased to inform you that we have arranged for Year 5 pupils to visit the National Memorial Arboretum in Alrewas, Staffordshire on Wednesday 3rd July.

We are accessing one of their educational Teaching Remembrance Day courses. The children will take part in three activities throughout the day, helping them explore:

- Service and the Commonwealth – the children will hear from a member of the Armed Forces about their experience of service and work together to solve cryptic puzzles. They will learn about the value of diversity, international friendships and collaboration within the armed forces.
- Types of Service – the children will be given a bespoke guided tour of the Arboretum, focusing on three memorials where they will explore different kinds of service.
- Impact of Service – following an introduction from an Invictus games athlete, the children will take part in a physical activity allowing them to explore the role of sport in the lives of serving personnel and how it supports veterans living with the impact of service.

To ensure we make the most of our visit and adhere to the timings of the day, **children will need to arrive at school no later than 8.20 am**, ready to leave at 8.30 am. We should depart the Arboretum at 3.00 pm and it is expected that we will return to school at 4.00 pm (approximately).

- Your child will need a morning snack, drink and packed lunch.
- School uniform must be worn and sensible footwear such as trainers. Please ensure your child is prepared for changeable weather and has a waterproof coat and sun cream.

The cost of the trip will be a voluntary contribution of £7.60 per pupil towards the cost of transport. The cost of transport is £625.00 and we have managed to secure a bursary from the Royal British Legion to support transport costs.

The Education Team at the Arboretum would like to capture the pupils' experiences of the day and would like to take some photos and videos. **Please indicate whether you consent or not via ParentPay.**

Please register your consent and payment via ParentPay. This needs to be completed as soon as possible and before Friday 7th June.

Yours sincerely

Mrs L Lowndes
Headteacher