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Dear Parents and carers,

This term, pupils will be completing a local study in History focusing on St Neots. We will be finding out who St Neot was, the history of the Benedictine Priory and how both of these have impacted on the St. Neots we live in today.

We have the wonderful opportunity to visit the St. Neots Museum to learn more about this topic. During the session, pupils will take part in a walking tour around St. Neots visiting sites that have historical importance, led by the museum curator. They will be looking at the lives of the monks, fortunes of the priory and the establishment of the Market. Following this, pupils will complete a zoom session led by the curator where they will learn about different objects; understanding more about medieval life.

Classes will be visiting the museum on the following days:

HW3 – Tuesday 13th October after lunch

JE3 – Wednesday 14th October after lunch

EW3 – Thursday 15th October after lunch

The zoom session will be delivered in school after each walking tour.

We have had been liaising with the Museum when planning this visit to see if we could do so safely. We are really glad to be able to reintroduce this trip in an adapted, but safe way. The following considerations are in place to keep everyone safe:

- The walking tour is taking place outside. Pupils will only enter the Museum should they need to use the toilet facilities. These will be cleaned before the school uses them.
- The curator will maintain a strict social distance from the children and adults. They have purchased headsets that amplify their voices so that they are still heard but from a safe distance.
- We will social distance from any other members of the public whilst undertaking the walking tour.
- Pupils will wash their hands when leaving school and returning to school.
- Follow up session is to be held via zoom in school, rather than the museum.

Pupils will need to bring comfortable shoes and a warm, waterproof coat, although we would aim to rebook the visit in the event of heavy rain.

There is a charge of £2.50 per child for the visit.

Under the terms of the 1988 Education Act, we are not permitted to make a charge for the visits that take place during school hours, since this breaches the principle of free education. However there is no funding provision to cover these types of activities. To cover these costs, we rely on the continued goodwill of the parents to contribute towards educational visits. We ask you to consider your support of these activities as an important part of your working relationship with us in school.

Please can contributions be received by the 7th October. We really hope that the visit takes place but if we do not receive enough contributions then the trip will not be able to go ahead.



If you are able to join the walking tour as a parent helper, please let your child's teacher know through the school office. You would be assisting the class teacher or class teaching assistant with the walk to and from the museum and during the tour. We would ask you to keep socially distanced from the other adults and children but be able to alert the school adult should you need to.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Welch, Mrs Harper, Mrs Wells and Mr Emmess.

