Friday 1st February

**Queen’s Art Gallery Trip**

Dear Parents and Carers,   
  
Thank you to those who replied to our recent letter regarding a school trip to the Queen’s Art Gallery. We are happy to announce that the majority of the replies said that you would be willing to pay for the trip; therefore we will be going ahead and booking the trip. However, due to costing of the coach, we have had to increase this to £18. For those of you who have already paid £16 on Parent Pay, an additional £2 has been put on ParentPay.   
  
Please note, to cover the cost and enable this visit to take place, we ask for a voluntary donation of **£18** per child by **Friday 22nd February**. We wish to make it clear that no pupil will be denied participation in the visit on the grounds that no contribution has been made on his/her behalf. Equally it will be clear that the school does not have any resources to subsidise non-contributors, and so if contributions do not match the amount needed to meet the cost of the visit, the trip will not take place. Please note that where monies have to be paid to external agencies in advance of the visit it is unlikely that this proportion of the cost will be refunded if the child is unable to go.

As mentioned in the previous letter, the trip will be on **Thursday 28th March** and will consist of the children travelling into London on a coach, a walk along the Embankment to look at famous buildings, lunch in St James’s Park, and a 2 hour session inside the Queen’s Gallery where the children will meet and work with a published author who will highlight creative writing techniques and new ideas. They will also have an educator led interactive tour of the galleries and undertake a number of short creative writing exercises to engage pupils with the works of art. We have confidence that this magnificent opportunity will provide many possibilities for inspiring creative writing. Of course, we will also have an opportunity to visit the Gallery’s shop!  
  
The children should come to school dressed in their school uniform, sensible walking shoes, a coat and a packed lunch in a carrier bag (this way it can be thrown away after). If your child would like to visit the Gallery shop, they may wish to bring some money with them. We would advise no more than £5 which should be in an envelope, purse or wallet which is labelled with their name. We aim to leave school at 8:00am and should return to school by 4:45pm  
  
We do have spaces to take additional adults, so if you’d like to join us on the trip please contact the school office and we will see what we can do.   
  
If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us.  
Kind Regards,  
  
Mrs T. Bowcher & Mrs H. Veasey