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Dear Parent/Carer

Proposed Year 5 trip to Highclere Castle – January 2020

We are already starting to think towards Term 3, when we will be studying the Ancient Egyptians. We would like to take the children to see the Tutankhamun treasures at **Highclere Castle**, the home of Lord Carnarvon and Downton Abbey. We have a provisional date of **Wednesday 8th January 2020**. It would be a full day of exploring Ancient Egyptian treasures and the setting for the TV series and film Downton Abbey.

We know that this may seem like a long way off but, as many of you may be aware, the new Downton Abbey film is out soon and it will become very difficult to book places.

The visit would include a guided tour of the treasures found by Lord Carnarvon and Howard Carter in Egypt and also in the tomb of Tutankhamun, plus a guided tour of the exterior of the house and the secret gardens. However if the weather is not good there will be a DVD that recounts the finding of the treasures. There will also be time for the children to visit the Hands-On Room - where they may dress up in replica Egyptian costume and jewellery, handle replica artefacts, draw, stencil and read, build a pyramid, make a cartouche with their name in hieroglyphs and more!



We feel this experience would be extremely valuable for the children's learning, as they will get to look at artefacts from the past and it will allow them to enter the magic of history before we begin to study it

Cost

The cost to visit the castle would be £8 per child, with the coach transport a further £8 per child, a total cost of **£16 per child**. As usual, we will be asking for voluntary contributions, as the trip cannot go ahead without your financial support. This will be a big trip for the year. However, as it is just after the Christmas holidays, we appreciate this is an expensive time for everyone, so we would like to give you as much time as possible if you are able to help us with a voluntary contribution.

ELECTRONIC AGREEMENT

If you are able to assist us by paying the voluntary contribution, please log into SCOPAY. Scroll down to 'Trips & Events' to find 'Proposed Year 5 trip to Highclere Castle'. Click on 'View Options'. **PLEASE DO NOT ENTER ANY PAYMENT AT THIS STAGE**. If you are able to pay, please select the tick box next to 'I can pay the contribution of £16'. We would be looking to spread this over four payments of £4.

We need your response **no later than Monday 16th September**, as **we need to book this trip very soon**.

Providing there is sufficient funding, we will confirm the date and another letter will follow providing dates for payment instalments over the coming weeks.

Thank you for your support.

Mrs Pegman & Mrs Everitt
Year 5 teachers

