

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

On Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2024, Year 5 will be visiting the historic Skipton Castle. In the Spring term, our History topic will be 'Medieval Monarchs' and this visit will provide a memorable enrichment opportunity for the children with the chance to have hands-on experiences that they can then relate their in-class learning to.

There is a cost implication for this visit as the school have to pay for the coach and entry to the castle. Skipton Castle is one of the most well-preserved castles in the United Kingdom and holds significant historical importance. By visiting this remarkable landmark, our Year 5 students will have the opportunity to immerse themselves in the era we have been studying, gaining insights into the lives of people during medieval times.

The visit to Skipton Castle will provide several educational benefits for our students. They will have the chance to:

- **Contextualize Learning:** Exploring the castle will enable our students to see, touch, and experience history first-hand, allowing them to engage with the past in a tangible and memorable way.
- **Develop Historical Empathy:** By stepping into the shoes of people who lived hundreds of years ago, our students will develop empathy and appreciation for the challenges and experiences faced by those in a different era.
- **Enhance Research Skills:** Encouraging independent inquiry, students will be tasked with gathering specific information and taking notes about the castle's history, architecture and key events.
- **Promote Teamwork and Communication:** Collaborative group activities and discussions during the visit will foster teamwork and communication skills while enhancing social development.

The total cost of the trip is £23 per child.

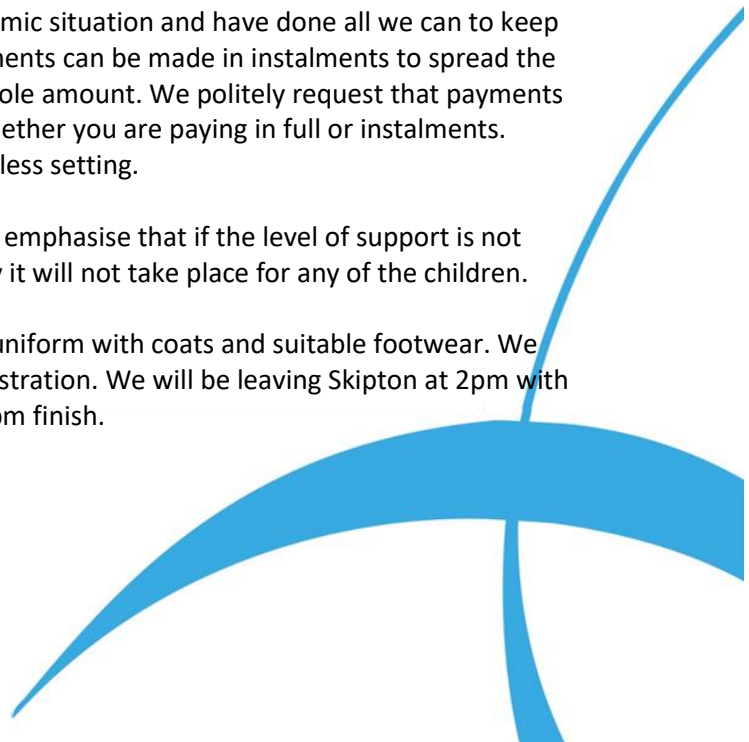
We have taken into consideration the current economic situation and have done all we can to keep the cost of the visit as manageable as possible. Payments can be made in instalments to spread the cost. Of course, if you wish, you may still pay the whole amount. We politely request that payments are made via School Cash Office – this is the case whether you are paying in full or instalments. Please do not send cash into school as we are a cashless setting.

There is no obligation to contribute, however I must emphasise that if the level of support is not sufficient to make the visit viable then unfortunately it will not take place for any of the children.

The children will need to be dressed in their school uniform with coats and suitable footwear. We will be leaving school at 9:00am sharp following registration. We will be leaving Skipton at 2pm with the aim of arriving back at school for the usual 3:15pm finish.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mr B Tyrrell  
Year 5 Teacher



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Year 5 Skipton Castle Trip

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

I give permission for my child to attend the Year 5 trip to Skipton.

Signed ..... Parent/Carer

