



# OLD PALACE PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Dear Parent / Carer,

3<sup>rd</sup> March 2023

As part of our Geography topic 'Rivers & Settlements' Year 3 children will be visiting the village of Eynsford, in Kent. This village was carefully selected, not just because it is a five times winner of the **Best Kept Village Award** and the **South East in Bloom** competition, but also because of its unique geographical and historical features. The picturesque village, is one of the few to include a ford, where vehicle can cross the River Darent, it also contains the ruins of Eynsford Castle, built by the Normans. The National Curriculum requires children to understand the difference between village and city life. The visit to Eynsford helps to bring this learning to life and also support the children in developing their skills as geographers, drawing sketch maps and undertaking field work.



Transport to the village only involves one change. The children take the District Line to Blackfriars and then go upstairs to the mainline platform, from where they take a direct train to the village. The journey out of London, is also an educational experience, as the children are encouraged to note how the landscape and land use change.

Old Palace has been taking children to the village for 6 years. This means we have been able to build up a good relationship with the local school, which allows the children to access their toilet and playing fields for lunch. As safety is always our paramount concern, the Year 3 teachers all visited the village on prior to the trip to walk the route the children will take and to complete a risk assessment. The teachers are therefore confident with the route and are aware of any changes to the area (for example local road works).

This trip is an important educational experience for the children. To help fund it we ask for £5 to partly cover some of the transport cost. As tickets are now £8 per child the remaining cost of each ticket will be covered by the school. Please can you ensure that you have made your trip payment via our payment portal, by Monday evening. This will allow us to buy the train tickets in advance of the visit.

On the day of the trip, please make sure your child is wearing his/her school uniform and has a bottle of water. In addition, as the children will be out doors for the majority of the day it is very important that they wear waterproof jacket with a hood. Your child will not require a packed lunch as this will be provided free of charge by the school kitchen.

Under GDPR legislation, we are required to have active permission for our pupils to attend any trips that are outside of London. Therefore, we ask that you sign the slip below to give consent to your child attending the trip and return to school by **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

**Year 3 will be going on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

Yours faithfully,

Ms McClelland

**Assistant Headteacher**

I give \_\_\_\_\_ (name of child) permission to attend the Eynsford trip on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March until 4:00pm.

Carer/Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_