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Dear Parent/Carer

Raby Castle

Our next topic is 'Towers, Tunnels and Turrets' which gives us the perfect opportunity to have a castle adventure! We plan to take the children to Raby Castle, County Durham for the day to explore a real life medieval castle for themselves.

Year 2 trip - Wednesday 18 March 2020.

Year 1 trip - Thursday 19 March 2020.

Their expert castle guides will allow us to venture into different parts of the castle. We'll explore questions such as:

How many towers are there?

Are there any secret tunnels or passages?

How did the castle help defend the people living inside its walls?

What was daily life like inside the castle?

Raby Castle is also surrounded by 200 acres of parkland where we might have the chance to see some local wildlife. There's also a beautiful Walled Garden with a nearby Adventure Playground which we'll make sure is scheduled into the day! **The children will need to wear their school jumper with jogging bottoms, strong sensible shoes, a waterproof coat and bring a water bottle.**

As your child is entitled to a universal free school meal the school kitchen can provide a packed lunch. The packed lunch consists of a sandwich, cake, biscuit, fruit, cheese roll and drink. Please indicate on the School Gateway payment page if you would like a lunch from the school kitchen and your choice of sandwich or if you will be providing your own from home. Please can school kitchen orders be in by Thursday 5 March.

Please can you also ensure that your child has a backpack to put their lunch in on the day.

We would like to ask for a voluntary contribution of £9.00 towards the cost of this visit (unfortunately, this will be non-refundable should your child be unable to attend the trip). You can make your contribution via the school gateway app or in the school office. No child will be excluded on his/her parents ability to make this contribution, though if we have insufficient contributions to cover the cost of this visit it will have to be cancelled.

Yours sincerely

Miss Jackson, Miss Firman & Miss Burnett



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