

# Chellaston Junior School

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Dear Parents,

## Year 5 Visit to Eyam

As part of their work, Year 5 children are studying the contrasts between the village of Eyam in Derbyshire and Chellaston. To enhance their studies and to enable the children to get a good picture of what Eyam is like, we are planning to make a visit to Eyam this month.

Eyam is famously known as “The Plague Village” and is situated in the Peak National Park. We have organised a day of activities based on geographical and historical interest, which will be led by our school staff, who between them, have a wealth of knowledge about Eyam.

The children will have the opportunity to learn about:

- Fascinating facts about the plague in Eyam
- The Cucklett Delph Church.
- How Eyam has evolved as a working village in response to changing needs
- The geology of Eyam
- The role of tourism in the village.
- The similarities and differences between Chellaston and Eyam.

The children will visit other places of interest such as the Darby Graves, the Village Stocks, Cucklett Delph, Plague cottages, the Churchyard, The Sheep Roast and St Lawrence Church. The dates of the visits will be as follows: -

**Tuesday, 27<sup>th</sup> September – Castleton/Dovedale**

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September – Bakewell/Hartington**

Children will need to arrive in school no later than 8.00 am on the day of their visit. We expect to return by 4.00 pm (traffic permitting). If we expect there to be a significant change, we will use our GroupCall text messaging service to inform you - please ensure that your mobile phone number is given on the consent form. Can we please ask you not to double park along Maple Drive when collecting your child as buses have been unable to get through on previous occasions.

**In the interests of the children’s safety, children will be taken to the playground and you will be able to collect them from there.**

Your child will need to wear comfortable clothes appropriate for the weather. Long trousers are best, even if it sunny, as there may be nettles underfoot. Caps, sunglasses and sunscreen are all appropriate in case of hot, sunny weather! Trainers or flat sensible shoes should be worn. Your child **must** take a waterproof coat, as the visit is based mainly outdoors and will involve a fair amount of walking.

Your child will need to take a packed lunch which is quick and easy to consume, as we have only a short lunch break planned. This should be in a small back-pack, leaving hands free. Drinks should be in plastic containers or cartons (no glass bottles or cans please). Your child may also take a small snack that is quick to eat on arrival at Eyam, such as biscuits or a piece of fruit. Travel sickness pills must be placed in a sealed envelope with clear written instructions for the outward and return journeys, and given to your child's class teacher prior to the visit. We regret we are unable to administer medicines without written consent. Those children with hayfever and asthma should ensure they are well equipped, as necessary.

The cost of the visit will be **£10.00**, which includes the cost of the tour, church visit and coach travel. All schools now receive extra cash for every child registered as eligible for free school meals (FSM) at any point in the past six years and children in care who have been looked after for six months. Therefore, if your child qualifies in either of these categories, you need only pay £5.00 towards the cost of this visit. For children with a **current free school meal entitlement**, a packed lunch can be provided for them; please complete the slip below and return it to Mrs Slack as soon as possible.

We have many activities planned for after the visit including work in History and Geography and creating multimedia presentations in ICT.

At some point this term we would also like to take the children on a walk around Chellaston. The attached consent form will also give permission for this, on a date to be arranged.

Please complete and return the attached consent form and **submit your payment via ParentPay** by Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> September. We would be grateful for any offers of parental help on these visits – please indicate on the consent form if you are able to join us. We look forward to an exciting day in Eyam and thank you in advance for supporting this educational visit.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Clark/Mrs Price  
Castleton

Mrs Chapman/Miss Fogg  
Hartington

Miss Rudge  
Dovedale

Miss Culverhouse  
Bakewell

**If your child currently has a free school meal entitlement, please return this form if you would like the school to provide a packed lunch for your child on the day of the visit.**

Name of child \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_

Cheese sandwiches <b>OR</b>	
Ham sandwiches <b>OR</b>	
Tuna sandwiches	
Crisps (ready salted)	
Biscuit	
Piece of fruit (apple, orange or banana)	Apple/Orange/Banana (please circle your choice)
Drink (orange, blackcurrant or apple)	Orange/Blackcurrant/Apple (please circle your choice)

Please return this form to Mrs Slack with your consent form