



CHELLASTON JUNIOR SCHOOL
Maple Drive
Chellaston
Derby
DE73 6PZ

Telephone 01332 701460
Headteacher Mr James Emery

January 2017

Dear Parent,

Year 4 Educational Visit to Thinktank (Birmingham Science Museum)
Thursday, 2nd March 2017

Following successful educational visits in previous years, we are planning another visit to Thinktank (Birmingham Science Museum) in Birmingham for all Year 4 pupils. We believe that the visit will be very worthwhile and rewarding and help to enrich the work done in the classroom this term. The educational visit will take place on **Thursday, 2nd March 2017.**

The visit will involve coach travel to Thinktank at 8.45 am, returning to school at approximately 4.30 pm. Thinktank is a modern museum which has four floors of hands-on exhibits, amazing artefacts, a digital planetarium and an outdoor Science Garden. During our visit, children will be taking part in the 'Electrifying Science' show which follows scientists through history as they make their first startling discoveries about electricity. They will watch some hair-raising experiments into how electricity is used and take part in their larger than life circuit! They will also be taking part in a 'Crime Detectives' workshop, becoming forensic scientists and helping to solve the Thinktank burglary. Taking fingerprints, analysing fibres, hairs and footprints in their crime lab to find out, "whodunit?"

The cost for the visit will be £17.00 which includes entrance, show and workshop fees, travel costs to Birmingham; which we believe represents excellent value for money. There will be an opportunity to visit the shop during the visit, children should bring no more than £6 in either a purse/wallet which will be their responsibility to look after at all times.

Please complete and return the attached consent form and **submit your payment via ParentPay** by Thursday, 24th February. If you are unable to access ParentPay, we can issue you with a bar coded letter to use at any Pay Point facility – please ask at the school office.

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 send in £8.00 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.

Children will need to be at school **no later than 8.30 am**, as the coach will leave promptly at 8.45 am. They should be dressed in school uniform for this visit and bring a suitable waterproof jacket. They will need a packed lunch with a drink - please do not send glass bottles or fizzy drinks. If your

child needs a travel sickness tablet for the return journey, please send it in a clearly marked envelope, including your child's name, name of the drug, dosage and time to be taken.

We expect to arrive back at school by 4.00 pm (depending on the traffic). If we expect there to be a significant change, we will use our GroupCall text messaging service to inform you. 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. **The children will be brought onto the playground and you will be able to collect them from there.**

We hope you will be willing to support this worthwhile experience. Please complete the attached consent form and return it with your payment or deposit to your child's class teacher as soon as possible. If you have any questions regarding payments, please contact Mrs Slack (in confidence) in the School Office. Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Ballington
Chatsworth

Mrs Collins
Foremark

Mrs Holmes
Duffield

Mr Gadsby
Glossop

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 OR	
Ham sandwiches OR	
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.