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Maths & Computing



APPLIED LEARNING

April 2010

Dear Parents/Guardian,

YEAR EIGHT-VISIT TO TARA BUDDHIST CENTRE, ETWALL DERBYSHIRE. 11 & 13 May 2010.

There is an opportunity for your child to visit the Tara Buddhist Centre, which is a place of Buddhist worship and meditation, and to see how monks and nuns live their daily lives. The centre is set in the beautiful Derbyshire countryside and your child will have a talk about meditation and the main beliefs of Buddhism and the work of the centre from members of the community.

We hope that this experience will enrich their knowledge and understanding of another culture and religion, as well as providing your child with relaxation techniques that could prove invaluable in today's stressful world. This visit promotes community cohesion so it is expected that all children will take part in the trip. It doesn't involve any participation in worship and the visit is in line with the teachings and faith of the Roman Catholic Church. The Tara Buddhist centre features one of the largest statues in Europe.

The trip will depart from school at 9.00 a.m and your child will return to school before 3.35 p.m. On the day of the trip your child will need a packed lunch but please **note** it must **not** contain any meat products out of respect for the Buddhist Community.

On the day of the trip sensible Non-uniform may be worn but arm legs and stomach areas must be covered.

It is not possible to cover these costs from school funds so we ask parents of children attending to volunteer a contribution of £15 in order that the trip can take place. Inability of a parent to make this payment should not preclude their child from attending, if the trip takes place. Please contact either myself or Mr Nallen at school if this is the case.

Please complete the proforma below and return to school by **29 April 2010**. We would prefer if you could make your payment through our **Parentpay** system however where circumstances do not allow this we are happy to accept cash or cheques as payment.

If you have any queries regarding this trip please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Steve Dunton
Head of RE

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TO. MRS WHITEHOUSE-FINANCE OFFICE – Return by 29 April 2010

I/we acknowledge receipt of the letter regarding the Tara Buddhist Centre and enclose a voluntary contribution of £15.00 to cover the costs. **OR** I have made payment via Parentpay (delete as applicable). Please return your reply slip even if you have made your payment via Parentpay.

Pupils Name _____ Form _____ Date _____

Signed _____ Parent/Guardian

