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Dear Parents / Carers

Trips, visits and learning opportunities in Eagles

This half-term our topic takes us through the history and geography of farming and drainage in Fenland as well as looking at animals and humans in science. To support our learning, we have some exciting trips and lessons planned.

To underpin our understanding of the geography of Fenland and to put the history of Fenland drainage into context, we will be embarking on a trip by coach to visit the Tydd Gote pumping station where we will learn about the work that goes in to draining the Fens today. This pumping station trip is scheduled for the afternoon of the 12th March; the permission slip below needs to be completed since the visit requires travel by coach. Since communications are now emailed, if you are unable to print the slip at home, please feel free to simply email the office using the address office@gorefield.cambs.sch.uk, or alternatively, I have copies of the slips which I can send home with your child – please let me know if you would like a slip.

In addition, on the 8th March, we are lucky enough to have some local farmers and keen historians coming in to school to show us some farming equipment used in Gorefield in times past.

This half term, the children in Eagles class will also be learning about how the circulatory system works. We intend for them to have the opportunity to watch a dissection of the heart. This will be a beneficial way to understand how the heart works, a National Curriculum objective. A risk assessment has been carried out and the few precautions that need to be taken have been put into place. An adult will be completing the dissection, but the children will also be given an opportunity to handle the tissue and inspect the heart, if they wish to do so.

In line with the risk assessment, if your child wishes to remove themselves from the lesson, for whatever reason, then arrangements for this have also been put into place. There will be a video alternative explaining the parts of the heart and the circulatory system.

If you have any concerns or queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards

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I give permission for my child, _____, to attend the class trip to the Tydd Gote pumping station on 12th March 2019.

Signed

Please print name