

Dear 3EE parents,

There are five points of information for you in this email: trips, author visit, parents evening, PE shoes, and the Christmas concert. We hope you find it helpful and apologise for the short notice of some of the details.

Many thanks,

Ruthy Trevitt and Sofia Morton

1. TRIPS

a) Pantomime at the Watermill Theatre - next Monday 18th Nov 2019.

Please provide a packed lunch for your child. Parent helpers for this trip will be our regular weekly volunteers and we have the requisite numbers of adults. The coach leaves at around 9am and returns at around 1pm. There will be no violin or PE lesson that day.

b) Easter Experience - Thursday 26th March 2020 - AM at Trinity church in Abingdon.

The coach will leave school just before 9am and return around 11am in time for lunch as usual. Ruthy Trevitt will meet the trip at the church (as a volunteer), Eva (Spanish TA) and Sofia Morton will accompany the class as usual - apologies that this falls on the Spanish side of the week as the content of the Easter Experience will be delivered in English (by volunteers).

The Easter Experience is open to families on the Saturday 28th March from 10am if you are interested in attending. Some parent volunteers will be required for this, so please do email if you are interested.

***The following trips below require parent helpers – please email if interested*.**

c) Science Oxford - Thursday 30th January 2020. This trip will include three sessions: a science show, a workshop on materials and a chance to try things out in their exploration zone. The coach will leave at around 9am and return at around 3pm.

d) Beale Park- Tuesday 12th May 2020 will see the children being animal guides. We create a non-fiction animal fact file in English and Spanish in class before going on the trip and encourage the children to present their research on some of the park's residents in Spanish.

It would be great to have some Spanish speakers to encourage the children in their presentations as Ruth Trevitt and Louise both have very limited Spanish.

e) Abingdon museum and nature walk – date TBC, but a Thursday in June is the most likely time to hope for good weather, avoid a clash with swimming and ensure there are trips on both sides of the week.

Spanish Parent Volunteers would be desirable as it is in the second half of the week, but it is not a prerequisite.

2. AUTHOR VISIT - Tuesday 19th November 2019 (contrary to the newsletter).

- a) Matt Brown will be coming in (he will be there this time!) and Mostly Books owner Sarah will be there with discounted books. It will be a chance for the children to put their questions and ideas to a real author.
- b) Books will be signed if children bring them in and further discounted books are available, use the same form and details emailed to you previously.

3. PARENTS EVENING - Wednesday 20th November from 2-7pm.

Note that appointments can only be 10 mins long. Please respect the parents after you by keeping to time and we as teachers will aim to do the same. If the allotted time for your appointment has come round, please knock on the door as a reminder. If you are running late please arrange your own swap with another parent. We have built in two breaks so please do not be surprised if we pop out briefly - as we are sure you can understand this is a long stretch of speaking and listening for both teachers.

Please do email Sofia and Ruthy with any questions or concerns you have about your child well in advance of the meeting so that we can provide helpful answers on the day and may even be able to resolve some issues before the parents meeting.

Location is room 99 in the hostel block (thin building near the Thame Lane entrance), it used to be the Primary Head teacher's office, and is opposite the small reception office on the Thame Lane entrance.

4. PE SHOES

Children need to have clean PE shoes which are not being worn outside (except to cross from the classroom to the old Gym/Schumman hall). Children need to change into these indoor shoes immediately on a Monday morning and a Wednesday afternoon so we can maximise our time for PE.

There have been a lot of problems with children tracking mud and dirt into the PE halls, which is very unpleasant when classes are trying to do gym activities on the floor with their hands etc. Children will be reminded to change, but they need to make sure they have a pair of clean trainers or plimsolls for PE in school ideally at all times which is why you may prefer for them to use an inexpensive pair of plimsolls.

5. Year 3 CHRISTMAS CONCERT – Wednesday 11th December 2019

- a) Coffee will served by the PTA until 9am when the concert begins.
- b) Our class Christmas party after the concert, in the 3EE classroom. It is a chance for you to look at your children's work from the term and to share some food and games with your children and their classmates and parents.

Please could class reps coordinate what you would like to do as a parent group in terms of any refreshments at the party.

- c) Please see extra page for Christmas song.