



Wednesday 18th September

Year 6 Trips and Experiences

Dear Parents,

We are busy planning ahead for a range of trips and experiences for our Year 6s and we are excited to share with you our plans for this year. In order to help with budgeting across the year, we would like to share all of these experiences as one package:

- Trip to **Bletchley Park** to support our theme - Wars of the World (**Thursday 24th October 2024**)
- Residential Trip to **Pioneer Centre**, Kidderminster (**3rd - 5th March 2025**)
- Celebratory trip to **Drayton Manor Theme Park and Zoo** in the summer term (**date tbc**)

The first trip that we would like to share is a trip to **Bletchley Park**. Our theme this term is “Wars of the World” and the children have been learning about WW1 and WW2. As part of our curriculum, the children learn about how the second world war affected Northamptonshire and particularly the involvement of Bletchley Park. What better way to find out about that involvement than to visit it? This trip will take place on Thursday 24th October and will be within the school day.

Secondly, we are thrilled to have been able to secure a residential visit for children in Year 6 to the **Pioneer Centre, Kidderminster**. We will leave school on **Monday 3rd March** and return on **Wednesday 5th March**. We had a fantastic experience at this venue last year and cannot wait to share it with your child! Having an earlier residential is extremely beneficial as it allows the children to build strong bonds with their peers as we head into the summer term, rather than in their final weeks.

In addition to these two opportunities, we want to add a celebration aspect to this package with a trip to **Drayton Manor Theme Park and Zoo** in the summer term - more details of this will follow nearer the event, but we expect this to be approximately £30. This will be a fabulous celebration event after all of the hard work the children will have put in throughout the year. We can't wait!

We feel that at an approximate combined cost of £225, for all three events, it is also fantastic value for five days of memories that we are sure they will hold dear in years to come. The breakdown of these costs is outlined below:

- Bletchley Park - £18
- Pioneer Centre residential trip - £177
- Drayton Manor - approximately £30

We believe these trips are sure to provide our children with a wealth of new experiences outside of the classroom. Pupils benefit hugely from educational visits and residential experiences, both educationally and socially, and I feel certain that the range of opportunities which we have chosen this year will prove to be both enjoyable and very worthwhile.

Please see overleaf for more information about each of the trips and experiences.

Bletchley Park:

This will be a great trip to find out about the important role that the codebreakers of Bletchley Park played in WW2. We will have a guided tour, a taught session - "Interception to Intelligence: D-Day" and some time to explore Bletchley Park further. On the day, we will be leaving school at 9:15am and returning before the end of the school day. Please don't book a hot meal for 24th October as your child will need a packed lunch in a named bag with a drink. They will also need a suitable snack to eat on arrival as our lunch-time will be later than normal. We ask for a voluntary contribution for this visit of **£18**. (* For information about 'voluntary contributions', please see the school website.)

Pioneer Centre, Kidderminster:

The Pioneer Centre is part of Action Centres UK, a Northampton based company who have been supporting student groups since 1961. They are a leading residential activity centre provider and strive to provide the best outdoor activity experience out there because they want to see young people flourish in learning new skills, developing new friendships and gaining a fresh confidence for their future. The centre was built to give youth groups a place to take their young people away on a residential trip where they could escape their busy lives and build strong lasting friendships whilst experiencing the outdoors. The centre has a variety of activities available including climbing, abseiling, high ropes, zip wire to name but a few! Children will be accommodated in en-suite rooms mostly with 4-6 beds; supervision will be based on one adult per 10 children, plus all the instructors on site.

We will be holding a parents' information evening on **Monday 20th January at 6pm in school** to present to you in more detail the exciting range of activities available at our destination of choice. In the meantime, if you wish to find out more about the ethos of ACUK, their programmes and safety information, please visit <https://activity-centres.naycacuk.co.uk/pioneer-centre/>

The cost of the visit will be **£177** and includes return travel by coach, full board (except packed lunch on day 1), accommodation and a full programme of activities.

Drayton Manor:

This trip will take place after SATs. Drayton Manor is home to a wide variety of rides suitable for everyone. It looks to be an absolutely fantastic day and another great opportunity to spend time with their peers in a different setting. We will confirm dates, times and exact costs for this part of the trip package in the summer term. We expect this to be approximately £30.

Payment (combining the costs of the Bletchley Park trip and our residential visit to Pioneer Centre):

We need the first deposit of **£35 per child** (non-returnable) to secure **both** Bletchley Park and our residential visit to the Pioneer Centre. Please therefore respond to the ping survey by **Friday 27th September** to secure your child's place on these trips (we will write separately about the Drayton Manor trip in the new year). We will then email you to request payment via SchoolMoney soon after. The deposits need to be paid by **Friday 4th October**. We hope that all of the Year 6 children will attend these visits but we can only guarantee places requested by this date due to booking the appropriate size coaches and reserving enough rooms. Please see me or Mr Horsley (in confidence) in case of financial hardship. Further payments will be required in instalments (**£70 by the 22nd November** and **£90 by the 7th February**).

Yours sincerely,

Cat Cox, Assistant Headteacher