



Where Pupils Achieve and Excel
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Dear Parent/Carer

On the run up to Remembrance Day, Year 5 are being invited to an RE and History visit to the National Memorial Arboretum on the **11th November 2021**. Here, they will be given a chance to explore the memorials and the importance of remembrance. This will link in not only with Remembrance Day, but will also link with their current RE topic within school

The pupils will take part in a poppy making activity where they will be taught about the meaning of Remembrance, loss and teamwork. Learning about Remembrance Day is a perfect activity at the arboretum and the NMA is a lovely venue for the children to develop an understanding of the concept of Remembrance and the impact of conflict. Within KS2 and RE this will link in with and inspire their literacy work, including war and remembrance poetry.

During the trip they will have the chance to:

- See an array of memorials
- Create their own poppy
- Learn about Remembrance
- Produce some Remembrance poetry
- Take a train ride around the NMA

The day will be:

- Interactive
- Educational
- Inspirational
- Spiritual
- Reflective

The price of the trip will be £14.00, please confirm your child's place by paying on ParentPay by the 4th October 2021. This will include the coach travel and the activities at the centre. Pupils will be able to take some spending money to use at the shop, but they will be responsible for this. Pupils will need a packed lunch for this trip and appropriate clothing. If a lunch is required from school please email ksheldon@jamesbateman.staffs.sch.uk. The cost of a school meal is £2.30 or free if entitled to free school meals (these still need to be ordered).

As the National Memorial Arboretum is mostly outside, children will need appropriate clothing depending on the weather. They will be wearing school uniform for the trip, but will need sensible footwear, as it may be muddy. They may need:

- Coat/waterproof
- Sensible shoes
- Hat, scarf and gloves
- Packed lunch

The coach will be leaving and returning to school at normal school time. We would like to emphasise that inclusion on the trip assumes that your child is consistently well behaved throughout the school year and can demonstrate the positive values in their behaviour as promoted by the school. If their behaviour drops below what is expected regarding their behaviour score or number of incidents, your child may be removed from the trip. Unfortunately, in this circumstance, you will not be refunded the payments that you have made. Attendance also needs to remain in line with the school target of 96%.

Thank you,
Miss Cox RE Leader