

12 January 2018



Dear Parents/Carers,

Reception Trip to the Play Tyne Space – Discovery Museum - Thursday 1st February

We are so excited to tell you that we are able to take the Reception children to the Discovery Museum to play and explore the Play Tyne Space, linking to our 'Cars, Trucks and Things that go' theme this half term.

Play Tyne is a miniature version of the River Tyne and shows it from source to sea. When you are in Play Tyne you can load and unload boats, open and close lock gates to move boats up and downstream. You can also operate models of the three central Tyne crossings; the Gateshead Millennium Bridge, the Tyne Bridge and the Swing Bridge; allowing boats passage on the river and vehicles to cross it. The area is recommended for use by Early Years children.

The trip will take place on Thursday 1st February and is for the Reception children only. Class 1 will be going in the morning and Class 2 in the afternoon. We will travel by coach. All children would need to attend school as normal at 8.45am in school uniform however because of the water play please provide your child with an extra set of trousers or a skirt and tights.

Although the trip is only for a half day the children will miss their lunch time slot at school, however **school will still provide lunch** which will be a cold packed lunch, which the children will have at school when they return (class 1) or before they go (class 2).

We would like to take this opportunity to ask parent helpers to accompany us on the visit. We have limited places available on the coach so, if you would like to offer your help, please let Mrs Nelson or Mrs Jones know as soon as possible. We will then place all names into a hat and pull out the correct number that can join us on the bus.

The PTFA are kindly able to support this visit by making a contribution of £250. This makes the cost of the visit £2 per person, which includes entry into the Play Tyne space and the transportation by coach there and back. The amount to be paid via Parentpay by **Friday 27th January**. As a school, we are only able to ask for voluntary contributions however if we are unable to cover the cost then I am sure you understand that such a visit would not be feasible.

If your child is eligible for free school meals because you are in receipt of benefits, or your child receives pupil premium, there will be no charge for the trip.

Please could you return the slip below by **Monday 22nd January**.

Thank you

Yours sincerely

Mrs Nelson and The Early Years Team

I would like my child _____ in class _____ to attend Discover Museum Play Tyne trip.

I understand I need to pay £2 via Parent Pay by **Friday 27th January**. Please tick.

Emergency contact telephone number: _____

Any medical conditions: _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____