



Friday 19 March

Dear Parents/Carers

**Year 3 school trips and visits SUMMER TERM**

At Loughton School our aim is to enhance the children's learning with termly trips, visits or workshops and we have continued to make arrangements for these in the summer term. These termly enrichment opportunities are a brilliant way to bring the current theme to life for the children and we know there is always a buzz of excitement on such days.

As you know, the school often subsidises these visits and asks parents for a small voluntary contribution towards the cost. We always keep the costs down as much as we possibly can and this is never any more than a few pounds each term. If your child is in receipt of the pupil premium, we ask that you still contribute if you are able but we reduce each visit cost by 25%. Without these contributions, we cannot afford to run these enrichment opportunities and they sadly have to be cancelled.

We need parents to be aware that due to the current Covid restrictions, we no longer have an active PTSA fundraising for our school. As senior leaders, we completely empathise with the way Covid has impacted many of our families financially over this last year and have therefore been very mindful to not ask our parents for lots of donations. When we do need to ask, we inform parents with as much notice as we possibly can and voluntary contributions can be made very easily via ParentMail Pay+.

Unfortunately, this year we have noticed a significant decline in the number of parents who have been paying these voluntary contributions and as such we have already had to cancel one of our workshops due to take place this term. On top of our originally subsidised workshops, the school has already received a short fall of £800 in voluntary contributions from the Autumn and Spring terms across the year groups. If you didn't make a payment at the time but wish to do so after reading this letter, you can still do so.

**Please be aware in advance of the summer term that we do not have the funds in our curriculum budget to continue supporting these opportunities so heavily and, unless we receive sufficient voluntary contributions, these will continue to be cancelled. We know this is disappointing for the children and hope that with your greater understanding of our school's financial situation, we do not need to cancel any more.**

Please see below the enrichment opportunity planned for your child in the summer term and the associated cost per child for this. We would appreciate prompt payment for this visit. We always refund parents for visits which are not able to take place.

Summer term We are Scientists		
Trip/activity	Date taking place	Cost

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Shadow puppet science workshop	Friday 11 June	£3
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT DUE FOR SUMMER TERM</b>		<b>£3</b>

Thank you in advance for your support so that we can continue to provide these experiences for our children during a year when they have been able to experience so little.

Best wishes,

Ellie Frost  
Deputy Headteacher