



Waterbeach Community Primary School

Learning - Laughter - Friendship

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are excited for Year 1 to welcome a visit from **'HISTORY OFF THE PAGE'** on **Tuesday 24th March 2026** as part of our topic work on 'The Great Fire of London'. History Off the Page is a company which provides immersive and practical History, Science and Literature workshops to schools. On the day, the children will experience life as it would have been in 1666 London before, during and after the Great Fire. The children will learn about the issues of the time, with the opportunity to participate in a range of cross-curricular activities and crafts. The children may keep the items they make. The workshop will take place in school during normal school hours so start and end times of the school day won't change. However please make sure your child is in school promptly on the day, so they do not miss any of the activities planned.

The Voluntary contribution for the visit is £11 per child, which includes all the resources for the activities and the wonderful history re-enactors. **We are sorry to say that without support from voluntary contributions, we will have to consider cancelling the event.** Lunch arrangements will remain the same as we will be staying in school. You can pay your contribution of **£11** on our online payment system School Gateway.

We are looking forward to being able to welcome into school this educational visit but **cannot** do so without your help. The 1988 Education Act specifies that any activity which takes place during school time must be free although there is no ban on requesting voluntary contributions.

To get your child engaged and involved in the day as much as possible we would like them to come dressed in clothes from the time (or something similar); the 1600s.

Your child could wear:

- Shirt with a collar
- Waistcoat
- Shorts and long socks or trousers
- Long sleeved dress in a plain colour with long socks
- Apron
- Cap or coif (close fitting hat)

There are images on the reverse of this letter to provide a few ideas however please **do not** feel the need to go out and buy new clothes or a costume. If you do not wish to dress up then children should come to school in their school uniform.

We will need several adult helpers to support us with the day and welcome your participation. If you would like to volunteer, please contact your child's class teacher with your availability. As you will be aware there are a limited number of parents that can accompany us, so please understand if we must decline your offer of help on this occasion. Parents are welcome to but not required to dress up for the day.

We look forward to an enjoyable day consolidating our learning about The Great Fire of London.

Yours sincerely,
Year 1 Team



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