



1st February 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS – SPRING TERM 2024

We are now well into the Spring Term and the time has come, once again, to ask for your generous contributions to the School Fund. We are delighted to be able to plan all of the usual exciting activities that the children have come to love and look forward to. We are proud of our broad and balanced 'glittering' curriculum, a key component of our school vision.

Y3 have a big trip planned to Butser Farm after the February half-term break

Y4 will be off to Battle Abbey, as well as receive an immersive day from our friends at Portals to the Past, learning about all things Anglo Saxons and Vikings

Y5 have already experienced the Wonderdome, will receive workshops at the Horniman Museum, and will be immersed in an African Culture Day later in the term

Y6 have visited The Centre of the Cell this week, and will be going to the London Buddhist Centre after the half-term as well having a Mexicolore workshop

And this is just for starters...!

None of these activities, which greatly enhance each child's learning experience, can take place without the help of our parents and carers. The cost of these events can be anywhere from £150 to £450 per session, while the cost of coaches hired to take children on school trips is between £600 - £850. Even more than ever, the school budget simply cannot cover the large number of extra visits and other events that are carefully planned by teachers to support the curriculum and give children a wider, richer view of life. You will only need to view our twitter feed and you will quickly pick up on the sheer enjoyment of the children from engaging in these experiences.

To enable us to continue offering all of these wonderful experiences, we ask parents and carers to make a payment of £25.00 per term, or £75.00 per year, to be paid on ParentPay.

Please note: Apart from our residential trip, currently in Y6, Voluntary Contribution is not an additional payment for the visits and trips your children participate in throughout the course of the year. This fund is essentially your payment for these activities. As such, you will notice that we do not ask for a payment every time your child is engaged in these opportunities.

We have received queries from some of our parents as to whether they could pay a little more to support the School Fund, so we have continued with an additional Parent Pay item called 'Voluntary Contributions Optional Extra'. This will enable you to make an additional payment of £25+ which would be of great help in organising all the various wider learning activities which teachers love to set up. If you are able and wish to use this opportunity to help the school, we would be most grateful, and thank you in advance for your generosity. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the admin team: office@dulwichhamletjuniorschool.org

We are most grateful to all parents and carers who have already sent in donations to support covering the costs of your children's visits and workshops this academic year. If you are yet to do so, we would be very grateful if you could make your payment via ParentPay at your earliest convenience. Please accept our thanks in advance.

Yours sincerely,

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