

12<sup>th</sup> October 2009

Dear Parents

This will be my final letter before half term and lots of parents have asked us to suggest places they might visit during the holidays or things that they might do, to support their child's topic. Below are the suggestions from the teachers:

- Blue – key places in Mere, church, Fire Station, Castle Hill etc,
- Amber- Teddy Bear Museum, 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' (theatre), travelling on different forms of transport,
- Yellow – Mere Museum, farms, allotments, Mere Church,
- Silver – Fire Station, Museum of London – [www.museumoflondon.org.uk](http://www.museumoflondon.org.uk),  
[www.london-brigade.gov.uk](http://www.london-brigade.gov.uk)
- Gold – Longleat House, Montacute House, Hever Castle (Kent), The Mary Rose (Portsmouth),  
[www.brimms.co.uk/tudors](http://www.brimms.co.uk/tudors)
- Green – Trowbridge Museum, Imperial War Museum (London)
- Red – Roman Baths (Bath), villas (Chedworth, Fishbourne, Littlecote), Roman towns (Bath, Dorchester)
- Purple - @ Bristol – hands on science centre and planetarium (Bristol)  
INTECH – interactive science centre and planetarium (near Winchester).

I hope you find this useful.

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2009 is 'Bag 2 School' day again. 'Bag2School' is a company that specialises in good quality second hand clothing. We ask for bags of adults' or childrens' clothing, bedding, curtains, soft toys, shoes, belts and handbags to be brought to the school bike shed on this day. All bags are collected and weighed and the company pays £200/tonne. This is a very easy way for 'The Friends' to raise money. Your blue bag was sent home last week – if you need to fill more, please do use a dustbin sack and encourage your friends to get filling as well!

We have become aware that a few parents are unhappy about some tutoring that has been organised for some of our year 6 children. The money to deliver this support is given to the school from the Government to target certain children, which is approved by the Local Authority. The Government dictates how this support is given and we are unable to spend the money elsewhere. I hope this clarifies the position but if there are further queries please do not hesitate to give me a ring.

Dates up until half term:

- Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October - Bag2School,
- Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October - music week starts,
- Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October - school ends for children,  
Musical Entertainment Evening – for families of children who  
are performing – details to follow,

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October - teacher training day – school closed for the children,  
Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November -teacher training day – school closed for the children,  
Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November -school starts for the children.

Please can I ask parents not to park on the grass near the bowling green as it is causing congestion in the mornings. We must keep our children safe at all times – thank you. We have also had complaints from parents who walk to school about other parents who are dropping their children off near ‘Mere Social Club’. This road is very narrow and a lot of our children walk to school this way and cars are putting our families in danger. I would be grateful if the parents who park or drop their children off here could consider the safety of the whole school community. I have also contacted the police who will patrol this area regularly.

I hope you have a good half term.

With thanks.

Yours sincerely

Catriona Williamson