

Headteacher's Introduction

Dear Parent/Carer

I am delighted that 2022 will mark Reepham's twentieth Curriculum Enhancement Week. The last nineteen have all proved to be highly successful and very popular with the pupils. Each has added an additional dimension to the school's curriculum; each has strengthened the special bond that exists between the pupils and the staff of the school.

Obviously Curriculum Enhancement Week involves a tremendous amount of effort. It is made possible because of the collective effort of the school staff who give so freely of their time in order to offer the children something different and special.

Planning a week's event is no small task and accepting the responsibility for taking children on hazardous activities is no small matter. For those who take children abroad, or on residential courses, the demands are particularly onerous.

The fact that this year's event is the twentieth does not make it any easier. You will probably be aware of the ever-increasing levels of paperwork that have to be completed if children are to be taken off-site.

Finally, I must point out that despite everything we will do, we cannot absolutely guarantee your child's safety. Curriculum Enhancement Week, as life itself, involves an element of risk. Please consider this when you help your child select his/her preferences and stress that he/she, as well as the activity leaders, has health and safety responsibilities.

This having been said, we will do our best to provide a safe environment in which your child may have a great deal of fun. I hope you find plenty in this year's choice to excite you!

Sponsored Walk

The Sponsored Event in the summer term raised a good amount of money and we are hoping this year's will do the same. Once again Governors have decided a significant part of it will be used to support Curriculum Enhancement Week. There will be free and subsidised activities supported by the money to allow all pupils to be able to join in the week's fun. Some of the money will be used to refresh the First Aid qualification of members of staff, as this means that we can continue to fulfil the national safety requirements for the more adventurous activities.

We hope the week will be a huge success as in previous years. It provides another dimension to school life and I am grateful to everyone for the effort that is making it possible.

Tim Gibbs

Curriculum Enhancement Week Organisation

For the week from the 18th July 2022 the normal school timetable will be suspended. Pupils and staff will spend this week pursuing one of the many activities detailed in this booklet. This year we are offering a large number of events and a wide variety of high quality activities, it is especially important to read these letters carefully. I must add that it is not always possible to allocate every pupil's first choice activity, so choose three other activities that you feel you would also enjoy.

Please consider your choices carefully and complete the necessary forms accurately.

Payment for Activities

In line with our charging policy, no pupil will be allowed to participate in an activity unless full payment has been made before the activity commences.

All costs are approximate and depend upon the final numbers of pupils taking part in each activity. A trip may be withdrawn if it is not financially viable. We offer a range of low cost or free activities that should satisfy those unable or who do not wish to pay a larger amount. Once your son or daughter has received an offer of a place on an activity (sent via Parent Mail), you will be asked to pay a deposit for the activity by **3rd December 2021 to secure the place (those on Disneyland trip will be asked for a deposit by 10th November)**

Please be aware that once a deposit is paid should your child fall ill or for any other reason you decide not to go on the trip the school insurance will not cover this. The school can offer no refund unless a replacement student takes their place. Also, once a deposit has been made and the school makes a booking, you are obliged to pay the full cost of the activity; the school cannot be expected to lose money through no fault of its own.

Payment should be made online using ParentMail at www.parentmail.co.uk or via the ParentMail App. The final payment for your allocated activity can be made at anytime before 22nd April. Instalment payments are compulsory for certain activities on the following dates, 10th November 2021 (Disneyland only), 3rd December 2021, 25th February 2022, 25th March 2022 and final payment 22nd April 2022.

All monies must be paid by the 22nd April 2022

Pupils' Personal and Medical Details

The regulations and laws that apply to the organisation and planning of school visits can make even a short local visit subject to rigorous checks and forward planning. All medical information will be taken from our central records except where additional information is needed for those activities planning overnight stays, where further individual details may be requested and a parental meeting concerning the visit will be organised.

Activity Choice Form

This form should be completed online, see email sent home. Do not print it out to give the form to your tutor or hand it in at the office. To ensure fairness to all pupils, all activities oversubscribed on the first day (Monday 8th November 5pm) will be subject to a draw, after this all activities will be filled on a "first come first served" basis. To ensure impartiality the draw will be made by the Headteacher.

Please fill in all four choices on the form in order of preference.

Activities may not be allocated if the Student Details Form is not filled in correctly.

Attendance

Curriculum Enhancement Week is an important part of your child's education at this school and full attendance is expected and required. Reasons for non-attendance will be required as usual. Every absence must be supported by a parental explanation note which will be "authorised" if the reason is acceptable, i.e. illness, medical appointment, emergency, religious observance or business that could not take place at any other time (e.g. music examination).

If you have any problems please keep us informed and we will do our very best to help.

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Disneyland and Normandy Trips

In sending your child on the Disneyland or Normandy trip, parents must ensure they are familiar with the requirements of entry into France/Disneyland and adhere to them. The school cannot be held responsible for costs incurred, which could include having to collect your child from French customs at the Port of Dover if they are refused entry, as a result of not doing so. Parents are advised that adhering to the current restrictions (which may or not still be in place when we travel) could involve having a private 'fit for travel' PCR test on the Saturday or Sunday before travel (depending on turnaround for results), currently priced at £68. Your child being vaccinated may negate this cost. The travel agent will provide an indemnity against the whole trip being cancelled due to a Covid-related travel ban issued by the Foreign Office or the French government.

It goes without saying that all children must have a valid, individual passport with at least 6 months left on it on date of return, but at the time of writing a visa is not required to enter France. Any children with a medical condition that may entitle them to a complimentary queue jump will need documentation from medical professionals.

Places on the Disney trip are limited and, due to demand for hotel rooms at the destination, we must organise payments slightly differently than other activities. Parents wishing for their child to go on the trip must return the booking form the day after receiving this booklet. You would then be contacted by the Finance Office within 24 hours and directed to pay a £25 holding fee online as soon as possible (cash payments will not be accepted) if your child is on the trip. The £25 will be deducted from the total payable. Deadlines for all further interim payments as listed in the letters home, must then be adhered to.