

## Dunmow St Mary's Primary School

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8<sup>th</sup> February 2018

Dear parents

Year 6 will all be visiting The Gardens of Easton Lodge (just up the road!) on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2018. Easton Lodge Gardens are a site of historic local interest, well-known for their association with Daisy, the Countess of Warwick and their use as a landing base during the Second World War. During the trip the children will explore the gardens, learn more about the Countess, her house, and the importance of the site during World War 2. The trip will act as an excellent introduction to our local history studies outlined in the Spring 2 Topic Overview which will be sent to you by half term.

As well as exploring the grounds, the children will meet some of the volunteers at the gardens to hear about the history of the site and the role the volunteers take in keeping the Gardens alive today. They will also discuss their involvement in the Gardens Open Day on April 22<sup>nd</sup> and begin to plan ideas.

We will leave school at 9am (prompt!). We will return by 3pm. Please provide a packed lunch and stout outdoor footwear. If raining or rain is forecast make sure your child is provided with a waterproof jacket. We will be outdoors most of the day but uniform should be worn. No extra money is required on the day.

The cost of the trip will be £5.00 per child. This cost is to cover the coach as well as a donation to the Gardens as they will not be charging us for the children to visit. Although such a contribution is voluntary, in reality we have no alternative source of funding. Before the date of the visit the Governors will assess whether sufficient contributions have been received to make the visit financially viable. If it is not considered viable, it will be cancelled and all contributions will be refunded. In cases of financial hardship, any requests for the contribution to be waived will be treated sympathetically, do come and talk to us in confidence if this is the case. As this educational visit is taking place in school hours, we are not permitted by law (Education Act 1996) to exclude from such a visit children of parents choosing not to contribute to the cost.

Please return the slip below to school by Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February at the latest.

Yours

Benjamin Harris and Toby Heath

Name of child: .....

Class: .....

I consent to my child visiting The Gardens of Easton Lodge on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2018.

- I enclose £5.00 to cover costs of the trip
- I have paid for this trip online

Signed .....  
Parent/carer