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Dear parents/carers

Our first topic in Year 6 is called 'The Forgotten Gardens of Easton Lodge'.

We are very fortunate to be working with the Trustees of Easton Lodge to explore the history of this amazing place of local historical interest during the next term.

The children will be visiting the Gardens on September 11th during the school day. They will leave school at 9am and be back in time for 3.15pm. The children will need a packed lunch and stout shoes suitable for outdoor exploring! The cost of this trip is £7 which includes a donation to the Trust.

We have also arranged for the two Year 6 classes to contribute a major part to the Garden Open Day in October. Further details of this will follow next term. The children will be able to give a short presentation and contribute to an exhibition about the Gardens and their history. We will also be publically performing songs related to the history of the Gardens.

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 could you let us know if your child is able to attend the open day by returning the slip below.

Yours sincerely

Mr Harris and Mr Heath

YEAR 6 TRIP TO EASTON LODGE

Name of child:

Class:

I give permission for my child to visit the Gardens of Easton Lodge on September 11th 2018.

I have paid online

I enclose £7.00

Signed

Parent/Carer