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Dear Parent/Carer

21st September 2023

Re: Diamond and Emerald Curriculum Day

This half term the children are learning about their History topics. The Diamond Learning Zone are looking at the Ancient Egyptians and the Emerald Learning Zone are looking at the Romans. To enhance the children's experiences, we have planned a full curriculum day on **Monday 23rd October 23**. The children will spend the day fully focused on their history topic and we have arranged for the Durham University Outreach Programme to come to school to work with both classes for the full day.

Children in Emerald will get to be mini archaeologists while they are looking at and holding the objects from the university's Roman collection. They will use their observation and historical enquiry skills, as well as any prior knowledge to form a theory about the objects. They will share some of their theories before finding out what archaeologists think they are. The children will act out the dramatic invasion of Britain and discover that it maybe was not as straightforward as they thought, how long it took and the native Britons' reactions to the Romans. The children will pick out clues hidden in the Latin text of the remarkable artefact, the Lanchester Diploma, to try and find out its story.

Children in Diamond will use X-rays to bring mummies to life in school and will be invited to ask questions about the mummy in the Wolfson Gallery of Ancient Egypt. They will explore what a mummy can tell us about the individual, their life, their beliefs and culture. The children will learn about amulets and what they were used for, then make their own from clay. The class will discover what offering tables are and make one of their own and they will take part in a drama session focusing on the Weighing of the Heart ceremony.

I'm sure you will agree this sounds like an exciting day for your children. We have decided to hold these sessions in school rather than taking the children out of school to help reduce the costs as the cost of coach travel remains extremely high. This means the cost of the curriculum day will be **£5.50** per child. This can be paid directly into Parent Pay via the school trips section. Support is

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available for families who are experiencing financial difficulties through our Poverty Proofing plan. Please speak to Mrs Green if you need any help.

Yours sincerely
Mrs A Green

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