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Dear Parents / Carers

Potteries Museum Visit

On **Friday 5th July 2019** we will be taking all Year 5 pupils to The Potteries Museum in Hanley, where they will learn all about the history of ceramic figures at this one day series of workshops. Pupils will get the chance to explore ceramics, storytelling and historical figures immortalised in clay through the collections at Potteries Museum and Art Gallery. There is no entry cost to the museum or for the transportation to Stoke on Trent. However, pupils will have the opportunity to visit the museum shop during the day, so a small amount of spending money is optional. We suggest £5.00 should be sufficient.

Although this visit is open to all Year 5 pupils, the school reserves the right to refuse participation to any pupil whose behaviour is considered unacceptable, or poses a health and safety threat to themselves and/or to others.

We will be **departing at 9.00am** (as soon as the school buses have arrived) and return to school in time for the end of the school day. **If your child does not catch the school bus please ensure they arrive at school in time for our 9.00am departure.** Pupils will be expected to wear normal school uniform and will require a packed lunch and snack for the day; however nuts, chocolate, glass bottles and fizzy drinks are not permitted. Pupils will also require either an old shirt, t-shirt or apron to protect their uniform as they will be using clay during one of the following workshops.

Workshop 1: Cast of Thousands – Pupils will learn about the rolled clay figures from the Burslem School of Art. These ceramic models use the simplest of techniques to convey scenes of everyday life. Pupils will get to see examples of the figures and create their own to add to the Cast of Thousands project to be displayed at BCB2019 festival.

Workshop 2: Heroes and Villains – Pupils will explore the wider collection at the museum portrayed in different artworks. They will be challenged to think about why different historical figures are considered good and bad, why they would be made into art works, and who they would pick to depict in a piece of artwork today.

Workshop 3: Flat Back Stories - Using the museum's extensive collection of flat back ceramic figures as inspiration, pupils will be challenged to create characters and build a story around them. These ideas will be explored through clay to help them visualise and communicate their idea. This workshop can act as the basis for follow-on activity in school, such as writing a story, or creating a play, resources for this will be provided to teachers after at the end of the session.

If your child is eligible for free school meals please ask your child to inform the school kitchen, by **Monday 1st July 2019** if they would like them to provide them with a packed lunch.

Yours sincerely

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