



## Newsletter – Issue 35 18<sup>th</sup> June 2019

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### **DON'T FORGET TO SIGN OUR PARKING PROMISE!**

Please make sure you sign and return our Parents  
Parking Promise – you can find it in this newsletter! A  
huge thank you to those parents who have signed and  
returned the form already! Thank you for your support  
with this 😊

### **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

Please keep in your thoughts & prayers our  
children who are making their First Holy  
Communion this weekend. We hope they all  
have a lovely day 😊

### **SUMMER FAIR**

Unfortunately, we will not be able to go ahead  
with Summer Fair on 29th June.

Thank you 😊

### **Important Dates:**

#### **NEW DATES/CHANGED DATES:**

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July  
F2 Circus Skills Morning

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July  
F2 Botanical Gardens Trip

#### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY THIS WEEK:**

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June  
Active Travel

Wednesday 19th June  
'Arabian Nights' Theatre Production for  
all classes

Friday 21st June  
St Thomas More Feast Day Treat!

#### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY FOR SUMMER**

2:

Monday 24th June  
CAFOD Assembly

Wednesday 26th June  
Parent Workshop @ 9:15am

Wednesday 26th June  
Y5 '5 Live' Conference

Thursday 27th June – Wednesday 1st  
July  
Scholastic Book Fair

Friday 28th June  
Y4 Wear What You Want Day for £1.00!

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July  
Y4 Flute Concert @ 2:50pm

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July  
Parent Ambassador Meeting @ 9:00am

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July  
Y6 Residential Trip

**Jesus said: "Love one another as I have loved you."**

At St Thomas More our Mission is to love and to be loved. We believe that Love is:

Kindness, justice, acceptance, forgiveness and friendship; it is unconditional and inclusive, allowing each one of us to learn and to grow to become the wonderful person God created us to be.

# WHOLE SCHOOL INFORMATION

## ATTENTION!!! Y6 NEEDS EVERYONES HELP!

Y6 need some materials for upcoming art projects. We need fabric of any size, shape, colour, pattern or design (as long as it's appropriate!!). This might be old curtains, bed sheets, duvets, blankets, wrapping paper, shirts, jumpers, jeans, trousers, etc. Also, we need cardboard again too - any shape or size please!!

Huge thanks

Mrs. Lord

## SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

THURSDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> JUNE – WEDNESDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> JULY

Scholastic will be in school selling books for a week! There will be an offer for parents to pre buy a voucher online which the children can then use to purchase books in school if parents aren't able to attend.

The benefit of this is that children will get an additional 20% free to spend. In June there is also a 3 for 2 offer, buy two books get a third free 😊

## RAFFLE TIME!

School will be holding a raffle to raise money towards the planned playground markings 😊 Tickets will be on sale at Sports Day and then in school for the following 3 weeks and will be **drawn on Friday 5th July.**

1st Prize: Family ticket to Legoland Discovery Centre, Manchester

2nd Prize: A 45 minute session at Swegway Park, Ecclesfield

3rd Prize: A 45 minute session at Swegway Park, Ecclesfield

Tickets £1 a strip! Good Luck Everyone! 😊

## Important Dates:

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY FOR SUMMER 2:

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July  
Y1 Butterfly House Trip

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July  
Y3 Come Dressed in the colours of a country's flag for £1.00!

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July  
Y5 Magna Trip

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July  
F2 Circus Skills Morning

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July  
Y4 Cannon Hall Farm Trip

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July  
Y2 Trip to Yorkshire Wildlife Park

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July  
Y4 Padley Pilgrimage Mass

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July  
F2 Botanical Gardens Trip

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July  
Y3 Tree Top Trek Trip

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July  
Progress Assembly @ 9:15am

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July  
100% Attendance Reward @  
12:00pm

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July  
Leavers Mass @ 10:00am

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July  
Disco: F2/KS1 @ 1:15pm – 2:15pm  
KS2 @ 2:20pm – 3:20pm

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July  
Y3 BFG Film Afternoon for £1.00!

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July – Monday 2<sup>nd</sup>  
September  
Summer Holiday!

# WHOLE SCHOOL INFORMATION

## COME AND HAVE YOUR SAY ABOUT A NEW AFTER SCHOOL CLUB!

We are looking at the possibility of a new type of after school club! We would really like your views on this 😊 It will help us to understand the needs of our families so please head over to our website to take part in our questionnaire. **You will find it on the home page of the website – you just need to answer the questions online and submit!**

We really need your input for this so please do fill it in! Thank you 😊

Thank you to those who have already filled it in!

## FRIENDS ASSOCIATION UPDATE!

Here is a round up from Friends Association of monies raised so far this academic year (to end of May 2019). The aim as shared at the beginning of this year was to raise as much money as possible for the school to have new playground markings. The children have been working on what they would like and school are now in the process of getting companies to provide quotes. There are also other items that the Friends Association fund/contribute to each year and this includes: Y6 Leavers Yearbooks; visit to Padley Gorge to share Mass with the Bishop.

School are selling raffle tickets and money raised from this will also go towards the markings – the markings are quite expensive so the more money raised, the more/better marking we will be able to have therefore benefitting the children during their social times.

The next event will be a DISCO on 18th July in the afternoon: 1.15pm -2.15pm for F2 & KS1; 2.15pm – 3.15pm for KS2. **As a thank you for all the support over this year, there will be no entry cost to the DISCO. Refreshments will be on sale as normal. Children should come in uniform as normal and can bring party clothes to get changed into. If you DO NOT want your child to go into the DISCO please let school know and educational provision will be made.**

Thank you for your continued support, it is much appreciated.

Month	Event	Amount raised (after deduction of any expenses)
September 2018	N/A	N/A
October 2018	N/A	N/A
November 2018	Matchbox challenge	£399.60
December 2018	Christmas Fair	£502.95
	Raffle	£787.00
	Disco	£423.49
January 2019	N/A	N/A
February 2019	N/A	N/A
March 2019	Greatest Showman Film night	£109.51
April 2019	N/A	N/A
May 2019	N/A	N/A
Total raised to date		£2222.55

# WHOLE SCHOOL INFORMATION

## ATTENTION PARENTS/CARERS/GRANDPARENTS!



We are inviting you to come along to join your child in their classroom to design and create a piece of artwork for the nation-wide Spirited Arts 2019 Competition that we are taking part in.

You are invited to join your child on **WEDNESDAY 10TH JULY FROM 1:45 - 3PM**. The children will be looking at a particular question about RE - either "Where is God?" or "Windows on the Soul" and then designing/creating a piece of art to show their answer/interpretation to the question.

They will also be writing about their artwork. We will be submitting 10 pieces of artwork to the national competition. Also, there will be winners in each class who will get a certificate in celebration assembly as well! We hope that you can join us! Many thanks for your support!

## PARENT WORKSHOP

**WEDNESDAY 26TH JUNE @ 9:15AM**

On Wednesday 26th June at 9:15am, we will be holding a parents' workshop on the importance of speaking in full sentences when answering questions. This is a current focus we are working on with all our children from Reception to Y6, so it would be great if you could join us so you can support your children with this too!

Thank you 😊

## SCHOOL COUNCIL PARKING SQUAD

School Council have been concerned recently about the parking around school and have decided to form a School Council Parking Patrol!

They will be doing spot checks on parking before and after school – these will be surprise checks so no dates or times for drivers!

They will be looking at inconsiderate parking, for example, parking on grass verges, parking over drive ways and parking on the zig-zag lines.

We are asking all parents/families to sign up to the St Thomas More Parking Promise. This can be found in this week's newsletter – please can you sign and return it ASAP 😊

We will also be issuing 'Bad Parking Notices' to those cars that are deemed to be parking inconsiderately. They will also be taking photos for 'Bad Parker of the Week' for the newsletter (registration will be blurred out!).

This is something School Council are passionate about and is an important issue for the safety of children in our school!

Thank you from School Council for your cooperation with this 😊



## St Thomas More's Parent Parking Promise

The area outside our school is busy in the morning and even more so at leaving times. Parents/carers who park close to entrances act irresponsibly, placing children in danger. The 'School Keep Clear' Zig Zag markings should maintain an area free from parked cars. This allows children and parents/carers walking in and out of school to cross safely, where they can see and be seen by approaching traffic.

St Thomas More is keen to promote considerate parking and asks all parents to consider the local residents, staff, parents and pupils and promise:

- **I will NOT park across drives, even for a few minutes.**
- **If parking on a pavement, I will do so in a way that doesn't prevent pedestrians, disabled users or parents with buggies from using the pavement.**
- **If parking on corners I will ensure there is a clear view for those crossing the road.**
- **I will NOT stop on Zig Zag lines even for a few minutes.**
- **I will park in a considerate way that enables cars to pass and allows emergency vehicles access.**
- **I will NOT use the staff carpark to drop/pick up children at any times or use the driveway as a turning point.**
- **I will be respectful of other drivers and ensure there is room to pass on the road.**

Please also remember that walking to school is a great way to become healthier and can positively contribute to a child's development! It helps develop traffic awareness skills, keeps the environment cleaner and reduces traffic outside school at starting and finishing times. If you have to drive to school, please try to park as far away from school as you can and walk the rest of the way 😊

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**I promise to abide by the considerate parking promises detailed above and protect the safety of the children by being a thoughtful driver and will try to use my car as little as possible for school journeys.**

**Child's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Class:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent's Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

# WHOLE SCHOOL INFORMATION

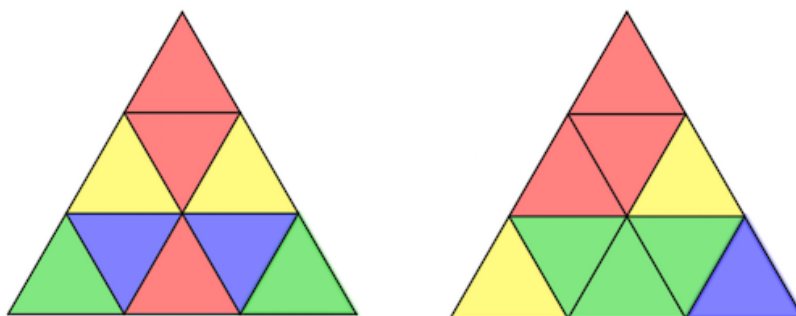
## Summer 2's Family Maths Challenge:

Please complete and post your maths challenge into your key stage box in school by Friday 12th July. The winner from each key stage will be announced during the last celebration assembly on Friday 19th July and will receive their prize. Happy puzzling! 😊 Miss Bennett.

KS1

### Colouring triangles!

What do you see below?

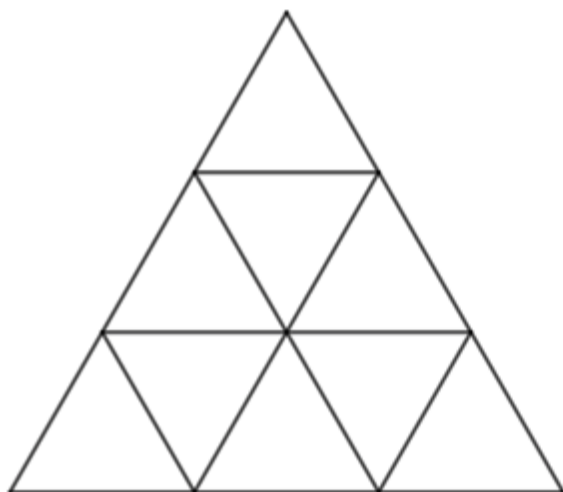


What do you notice?

What is the same and what is different about the two pictures?

Now, it is your turn to colour!

Explore ways of colouring the black and white outline of the triangles:



Can you make symmetrical patterns? With two colours? Three colours?  
More than three colours?

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### KS2

#### Shape draw: Eight descriptions – one shape!

This challenge is designed to be worked on with your family members! You will need to print and cut out the description cards or rewrite them.

Please use a ruler to draw and measure your shape.

The shape has two pairs of parallel sides.	The area of the shape is $24\text{cm}^2$ .
The shape has four right angles.	The shape's perimeter is numerically larger than its area.
The length of each side is an even number.	The shape is irregular.
The shape is a quadrilateral.	The shape has two lines of symmetry.

# WHOLE SCHOOL INFORMATION

## Last Weeks Attendance & Punctuality

Class	Percentage Attendance	Lates
F2	89.7	0
Year 1	89.3	6
Year 2	89.7	0
Year 3	97.4	0
Year 4	99.3	5
Year 5	96	2
Year 6	98.6	4
<b>School Total</b>	<b>94.2</b>	<b>17</b>

Wow! Well Done Y4! You will receive an extra playtime for your great attendance last week!

## 100% Attendance & Punctuality Winners

F2	Katie
Year 1	Kylan
Year 2	Jonas
Year 3	Brody
Year 4	Rieneidi
Year 5	Maddison
Year 6	Olivia

## GROWTH MINDSET AWARD WINNER!



**This week's winner is Sophia in Y2!**

You have won this award for your amazing attitude in our lessons this week! Even when things seemed a little tricky, you persevered and showed us that you are not willing to give up! Keep up your hard work, Sophia!

Well done Sophia! 😊

## OUTSTANDING HOMEWORK!

Class	Winner
F2	Aleks
Y1	Vanessa
Y2	Naomi
Y3	Guedaliah
Y4	Sammy
Y5	Elisha
Y6	Theo

## LUNCHTIME CELEBRATION WINNERS!

FS2/KS1	Lyphe F2	for	Tidying the classroom at the end of wet lunchtimes 😊
KS2	Faryl & Gerorgie-Leigh Y5	for	Tidying the PE shed and helping to keep it tidy during lunchtimes 😊



Out of School Achievements Awards





# CELEBRATION AWARDS

## Monday 17th June

F2	Catherine	for	Fantastic leadership skills on sports day. You led your team well, pointing the in the right direction and cheering them on. Well done! 😊
	John	for	Amazing team work on sports day! You always clapped and cheered your team on as well as trying your best. Keep it up Jon! 😊
Year 1	Frankie	for	Writing a fantastic apology letter from Max to his Mum and using all of our super vocabulary. Well done Frankie 😊
	Josh	for	Helping your friends and putting in 100% effort into all of our sports day activities! Well done Joshua 😊
Year 2	Susanna	for	Asking and answering some amazing questions on our trip to Weston Park museum. You were fully engaged with our learning and showed a huge interest in finding our more about the gruesome Egyptians! Super work, Susanna!
	Charlie P	for	Taking on new roles and responsibilities within our classroom. You have shown you are an excellent team member and always show amazing sportsmanship. Keep it up, Charlie!
Year 3	Cole	for	Working really hard in maths over the last few weeks - you got some fantastic scores on your recent assessments! Well done Cole 😊
	Sophie	for	Being a fabulous role model during sports day and contributing brilliantly. You won your team lots of points and had a great attitude towards every event! Well done Sophie 😊
Year 4	Shay	for	Demonstrating lots of patience and skill when creating your version of a Claude Monet painting!
	Jack	for	Demonstrating lots of patience and skill when creating your version of a Claude Monet painting!
Year 5	Edwin	for	The amazing sportsmanship you showed during sports day. You encouraged your team as well as others. Well done!
	Erin	for	Your careful consideration of the evidence linked with Jack the Ripper's crimes. You theorised a fantastic Modus Operandi!
Year 6	Petros	for	Being such an amazing teammate during Sports Day by assisting your team with their skills!
	Olivia	for	Demonstrating responsibility, participation and readiness during the entire day while at Crucial Crew!

# TRIPS AND EVENTS

## F2 TRIP TO THE BOTANICAL GARDENS

FRIDAY 12TH JULY

F2 will be visiting the Botanical Gardens on Friday 12th July. The coach will collect us at 9.15am and whilst we are there we will be having a teddy bears picnic, read stories about bears, we will be going on a bear hunt and will also be exploring the gardens and playing ring games.

The coach will bring us back to school after dinner. Please check the weather forecasts and ensure that your child is dressed appropriately e.g. they may need a raincoat if rain is expected.

Due to our fundraising, the trip will only cost **£2.50 per child!** 😊 Your child will need to bring a packed lunch or can order from school. As it is a teddy bear picnic, their packed lunch could be themed e.g. teddy bear crisps. If you would like to volunteer to help us on our trip please let Miss Bennett know 😊 Many thanks!

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## F2 BOTANICAL GARDENS TRIP

FRIDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> JULY

I give permission for my child \_\_\_\_\_ to attend the F2 Botanical Gardens Trip on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July.

I enclose £2.50 voluntary contribution

I am unable to contribute on this occasion

I would like to order the following packed lunch:

Ham Sandwich  Cheese Sandwich  Tuna Sandwich  I will provide a packed lunch from home

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## F2 CIRCUS SKILLS MORNING!

FRIDAY 5TH JULY

The circus is coming to F2 on the morning of Friday 5th July! Greentop circus will be coming in to deliver a circus skills workshop with the children at 9.15am until 10.15am.

The children will take part in activities such as juggling, walking on pot stilts and spinning a diablo! Parents are also invited along to work with all of the children and support them with the activities! 😊 Due to the amount raised from our class fundraisers, the workshop will be free! **If you can come along to the workshop, please let Miss Bennett know so that we know how many parents to expect.** Many thanks 😊

## Y2 YORKSHIRE WILDLIFE PARK TRIP

THURSDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> JULY

Y2 will be making a wild and wonderful visit to Yorkshire Wildlife Park on **Thursday 11th July!** We will be taking part in a workshop with an opportunity to meet some animals up close and we will be exploring the zoo 😊

Children will be required to bring a packed lunch with them for the trip. If you would like to order a free packed lunch from school, please complete the slip below.

**There is a voluntary contribution of £14.00 which will go towards the cost of the trip. This is voluntary, but unless enough contributions are received, we will not be able to go ahead with the trip.**

Please complete the permission slip for your child and return with payment.

Please let a member of Y2 staff know if you have any questions.

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## Y2 YORKSHIRE WILDLIFE PARK TRIP

THURSDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> JULY

I give permission for my child \_\_\_\_\_

to attend the Y2 on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June.

I enclose £14 voluntary contribution

I am unable to contribute on this occasion

I would like to order the following packed lunch:

Ham Sandwich   
Cheese Sandwich   
Tuna Sandwich

I will provide a packed lunch from home

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# TRIPS AND EVENTS

## Y3 ATTENTION! CLASS TRIP SUMMER FUNDRAISING INFORMATION:

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July:** Come dressed in the colours of a country's flag for £1.00!

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July:** BFG Film Afternoon for £1.00!

## Y4 ATTENTION! CLASS TRIP SUMMER FUNDRAISING INFORMATION:

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June:** Wear What You Want Day for £1.00!

## Y4 PADLEY GORGE PILGRIMAGE

**THURSDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> JULY**

On Thursday 11th July, Y4 have been invited to take part in the Children's Padley Gorge Pilgrimage. We will be leaving school after registration on that day and returning before the end of the school day.

Your children will require a packed lunch and a water bottle. Please speak to the office if your child is entitled to free school meals and you would like to order one.

We will be celebrating Mass outside therefore please ensure you check the weather forecast closer to the day and ensure your child wears full school uniform with suitable coat/jacket and footwear. If we are lucky enough to get sunny weather on the day, please apply sun cream before school and bring a sun hat.

The Friends Association have kindly contributed to this trip, and it has also been subsidised by school, therefore we are only needing to ask parents for a voluntary contribution of £6.00.

## Y4 CANNON HALL TRIP

**TUESDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> JULY**

On Tuesday 9th July Year 4 will be going to Cannon Hall Farm.

Children need to come in their school uniform and bring a packed lunch and a drink. Please speak to the office if your child is entitled to free school meals and you would like to order one.

**There is a voluntary contribution of £10.00 which will go towards the cost of the trip. This is voluntary, but unless enough contributions are received, we will not be able to go ahead with the trip.**

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## Y4 CANNON HALL FARM TRIP

**TUESDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> JULY**

I give permission for my child \_\_\_\_\_

to attend the Y4 Cannon Hall Farm Trip on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July.

I enclose £10.00 voluntary contribution

I am unable to contribute on this occasion

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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## Y4 PADLEY GORGE PILGRIMAGE

**THURSDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> JULY**

I give permission for my child \_\_\_\_\_

to attend the Y4 Padley Gorge Pilgrimage.

I enclose £6.00 voluntary contribution

I am unable to contribute on this occasion

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

# TRIPS AND EVENTS

## Y5 MAGNA TRIP FRIDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> JULY

On Friday 5th July Year 5 will be going to Magna Science Adventure Centre to explore and take part in the Stars and Planets workshop. This links with the Earth and Space learning we'll be doing in science.

We will be taking a tour of the night sky and exploring the planets of our Solar System, before investigating the forces that hold the stars and planets in place and then making a bang with some rocket fuel!

Children need to come in their school uniform and bring a packed lunch and a drink. Please speak to the office if your child is entitled to free school meals and you would like to order one.

There is a gift shop, so if children would like to bring a small amount of money (no more than £2) to spend, we will allow time for that. Bags are stored away in a secure locker during the visit.

**There is a voluntary contribution of £5.00 which will go towards the cost of the trip. This is voluntary, but unless enough contributions are received, we will not be able to go ahead with the trip.**

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## Y5 MAGNA TRIP FRIDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> JULY

I give permission for my child \_\_\_\_\_

to attend the Y5 Magna Trip on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July.

I enclose £5.00 voluntary contribution

I am unable to contribute on this occasion

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Y5 '5 LIVE' CONFERENCE

### WEDNESDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> JUNE

Y5 have been invited to Yewlands Academy to attend an event on 26th June. The event is called '5 Live' conference and we will be attending the school alongside a number of other year 5 classes from local primary schools.

The day is run by an organisation called humanutopia, who have a 15-year track record of working closely with between primary and secondary schools in different communities. Throughout the day, pupils will be guided by the humanutopia team and a group of 'heroes' – older students from Yewlands Academy who have been trained in working with younger students and will help our pupils throughout the day.

The purpose of the day is for pupils to learn about themselves and what makes them unique, whilst also meeting and working with other people and finding out more about what secondary school is like. Please take a look at the work of humanutopia on their website: [www.humanutopia.com](http://www.humanutopia.com)

The children will walk to Yewlands arriving for 9.45am and leaving at 2pm. **All children will need a packed lunch.** Please speak to the office if your child is entitled to free school meals and you would like to order one. **There is no charge for this trip.**

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## Y5 '5 LIVE' CONFERENCE

### WEDNESDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> JUNE

I give permission for my child \_\_\_\_\_

To attend the '5 Live' Conference on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_