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PANTO UPDATE

Dear Parents / Carers,

I am writing to keep you up to date with our plans to take the whole school to the Panto in Newark. Today we met with Mr Ryder who has begun the tall task of coordinating travel arrangements. He has met with police and they have also agreed to help us on the day.

As you can imagine, taking 400 people on buses to Newark is no easy task and a great deal of planning and preparation has to take place to make this the experience we want it to be for our children. There will no doubt be changes to the school day that cause a little inconvenience for parents but I am sure our KEPS parents will be supportive as usual and understand that these changes are all for a good cause.

The list below will hopefully help to answer a few possible questions that may have been on your mind since our announcement earlier this term:

- All members of staff (teachers, assistants, midday supervisors, cleaning, site manager, office and kitchen staff and school governors) have been invited to support us with the visit. We have also asked the FOKE committee to attend as they have DBS checks too. Some staff wouldn't normally be working on the Friday but have volunteered to work unpaid on this day. Ratios will be at least 1:10 for the whole school with lower ratios in Foundation classes.
- Parent helpers will not be invited because we simply haven't got enough tickets or spaces. Ideally we would love to take 1000 people (parents, staff and children) but this simply isn't possible. We are sorry that this is the case.
- All children are expected to attend the visit-School will be closed whilst the children are at the Panto
- We will have an early lunch on the day – the menu will be slightly different to that planned so far.
- All morning Foundation children will be invited to stay with us all day. There will be no need to pick them up then bring them back 20 minutes later. F1 children will however need to bring a packed lunch.
- All children will be returned back to school and then collected from their usual classroom departure area at a set time. This is not yet known as we are awaiting confirmation of this.
- Parents will be asked to park away from school on the evening to allow the 8 buses more space upon our arrival. Buses will then be released quickly to ensure a safer collection area. A possible solution could be parking in the old welfare carpark. This is yet to be agreed.
- Payment for this visit is via the School Gateway App (the actual cost should be almost £15 but we have secured a price of only £7). Ice-creams are included in the price of the visit. Payment should be made no later than 1st December 2017.
- Children will wear school uniform on the day.

Final details and instructions will be sent to parents closer to the time but we hope that for now, the information above helps with any queries you may have had about the visit.

Many thanks for your continued support,

Mr Callaghan-Wetton
Head Teacher