



Head Teacher: Mrs D Reynolds - BSc Hons QTS NPQH

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Thursday 26th September 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to inform you that on **Tuesday 7th January 2020** we have booked an exciting interactive, educational workshop provided by The Ministry of Chocolate to launch our topic in school. We are going to become 'Level 10 Chocolatologists' as part of our Mayan learning. It is a hands on comprehensive and very carefully planned chocolate journey. The full **morning** workshop will involve the children learning:

- facts about chocolate
- the summary of the history and origins of chocolate with focus on the Mayans and what they did with cocoa beans
- where cocoa trees grow
- how cocoa is harvested
- a sensory testing of chocolate
- health and wellbeing aspects of chocolate
- how chocolate is made in a factory
- a practical chocolate making session

These sessions involve the children being able to see and touch **real** cocoa pods, **real** cocoa beans and **taste** cocoa nib as well as touching and smells the main ingredients of chocolate (cocoa paste and cocoa butter). This is something that school wouldn't be able to provide but are essential to the children having a full understanding and to launch our new topic.

If you would like any more information about this workshop, the following website can be used to look at what the workshop entails <http://www.ministryofchocolate.com/educational/>

As a school we are offered a favourable price for this extremely interactive workshop packed full of educational content with all of the materials provided, so to cover the cost of this, we are asking for a **contribution of £11.50** per child to enable us to ensure the workshop can go ahead, to be paid through the school's **ParentPay** system.

In cases of financial hardship and particularly for our families in receipt of free school meals, we may be able to subsidise your contribution. Circumstances such as these will be treated sympathetically; do come and talk to me in confidence if this is the case. – Mrs Reynolds (Head Teacher)

Although such a contribution is voluntary, should contributions received by the school render the workshop to be considered not viable, it will be cancelled and all contributions will be refunded. It also will mean the class will miss out on many aspects the workshop will provide and will result in the class only learning the basic facts. Please can the permission slip be returned to school and payment made by Friday 29th November 2019.

Many Thanks

Mr H Johnson
Class Teacher

Mrs D Reynolds
Head Teacher

Child's Name: _____

I give permission for my child to take part in the Chocolate Workshop on Tuesday 7th January 2020.

I have paid the voluntary contribution of £11.50 on ParentPay.

Signed: _____ Parent/Carer Date: _____

