

Dear Parents,

25th May 2018

As part of their topic work on 'Water World', Year 4 will be taking part in an environmental study walk to the River Thames in Isleworth. 'Investigating Environment Change' is organised through Thames Explorer Trust. **4S's** visit will take place on **Wednesday 27th June** and **4E's** visit will take place on **Friday 29th June**.

As part of the new National Curriculum, students are expected to regularly partake in field studies. This investigatory practice will provide students with opportunities to apply their knowledge of rivers and will use fieldwork skills including:

- Observing changes of the Thames over time;
- Recording the different river features;
- Measuring and assessing water quality through chemical testing;
- Using a range of methods to gather evidence of how the river is used today;
- Collecting invertebrate samples for a study into the water quality;
- Creating an understanding of how the use of the river has changed and the environmental impact of this.

The times of the trips differ due to tide. 4S's trip will be 9.30am - 11.30am and will be back for lunch. 4E's trip will be 10.20am – 12.20pm, they however, will need to bring a packed lunch in case there is any delay in returning to school. Pupils do **NOT** need to wear school uniform to school, but they should wear clothing you don't mind getting muddy. It is advisable that your child should wear trainers for walking.

Pupils will also need to bring in a backpack:-

- A bottle of water
- Rain jacket
- Wellies for the foreshore
- A spare plastic bag to take muddy footwear home
- A spare pair of socks
- A bag for rubbish – rubbish bins are not provided at the site

The cost of the visit is **£7.10** per child, which should be paid via www.parentpay.com, by Friday 22nd June. *If your child is a Pupil Premium child, they are exempt from payment and the payment will not show on your Parentpay account.*

Yours sincerely,

Miss J. Evans Miss A. Scott

Y4 - The Thames Explorer Trust

Child's Name: 4E / 4S

I am available to help on the visit on **Wednesday 27th June**.

I am available to help on the visit on **Friday 29th June**.

Please note that parent helpers will be required to read and sign our Volunteers Policy & Agreement prior to the trip.

Parent's name:

Contact No: Email:

Signed: Parent/Guardian