

1<sup>st</sup> May 2018

Dear Parents,

**Re: Parents' Meeting – French Residential Visit: Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2018 6.00pm in school hall**  
**\*Itinerary (timings and events), Recommended Packing List & Insurance Synopsis for visit attached**

It's nearly here! The French Trip 2018! In order to 'fill you in' on arrangements for the fast-approaching visit and answer any questions which you may have, we will be holding a meeting in the **School Hall on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2018**. I will be showing some pictures of where the children are staying; the activities which they will be taking part in including the visit to Bayeux Street market; going through the 'Contract Card'; and talking about the text 'phone system for our return journey. I have attached the Itinerary for the visit to this letter so that you can see the plan for the week and also a Packing List, listing both *essential* and recommended items.

At the meeting, I will also be explaining the Pocket Money System which I operate. The amount of pocket money that I exchange for the children is **£45**, which can be paid by cash or cheque to the school office. At the moment, because of Brexit, the pound is unpredictable against the Euro. However, I still feel that the children will be able to have a very good time with this amount of money - and will still be able to bring you back those very special 'treasures' from their stay in France!

I distribute the Pocket Money as appropriate to where we are visiting that day to ensure that children have spending money each day, rather than spending everything at the first 'shop' that we go to!! It is not compulsory to take part in the system, but most parents do decide to use it and I thoroughly recommend it. The children **can** take any additional euros, which you, relatives or friends may have given to them, but this will be **outside** the school pocket money system and **they** will be expected to take care of **any** such money themselves.

The children will also have the opportunity to spend **English cash in the shops on the ferry during our outbound and return crossings**. I recommend **no more than £10** for each journey - they will spend whatever you give them!!! I would also ask that the **£10 for the return journey is brought to the school office** so that it's put away safely for the journey home by **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2018 (after half-term)**.

I will need all pocket money to change into Euros by **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May** so that the bank has enough time to order specific notes for distribution to the children. Please return the attached slip, if you **do** wish to use the system *even if you are not sending the £45 with it at this point*. Please clearly detail your child's name, French Trip Pocket Money and whether the **£45 is in cheque (made payable to Tower Hill Primary School) or cash** and put into a sealed envelope.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible on **Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May**. If you have any queries, but are unable to make the meeting, please do not hesitate to contact me.

With my regards,

**Mrs. Linda Tansley**  
**Headteacher/French Trip Leader**

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**To: Mrs. Linda Tansley, Tower Hill Primary School, Fowler Road, Farnborough, GU14 0BW**

*\*Please delete as appropriate*

My child is \_\_\_\_\_

\* I am\*able /unable to attend the *French Residential Parents' Evening* on **Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May at 6pm**

\* I **\*do / do not** wish my child to be included in the School Pocket Money system

\* I enclose the sum of **£45 (\*cheque/cash)** for pocket money / \* will send it in by **Thurs 24<sup>th</sup> May**.

\* I enclose the sum of **£10** for the return ferry crossing / \*I will send this into school by **Tues 5<sup>th</sup> June**.

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