Wednesday, 9th September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have planned a special 'Fire of London' day for Chestnut Class on Monday, 19th October. The day's resources will be provided by our usual company 'History off the Page'. Our children will have the opportunity to learn first-hand about the Great Fire and the effect it had on London at that time.

We would really like the children to get into the spirit of the day and dress up if possible. Costumes can easily be made from clothes you probably already have at home. Please find below some helpful hints for costumes, should you need them.

Boy's Great Fire of London Costume
Smock – a large plain shirt with a large collar and a belt or cord round the waist.
Doublet- you could add a plain waistcoat, if you have one, as a doublet.
Hose – tuck plain, dark, baggy trousers (such as track-suit bottoms) into long socks

Girl's Great Fire of London Costume
Smock- a plain shirt with a large collar.
Kirtle- a long, preferably plain skirt.
Bodice- a man's plain waistcoat, if you have one. (Or you could wear a long, plain dress, with a belt or cord tie.)
Apron- preferably plain white. You could attach a rectangle of white material to a tie (no gathers or pockets), A belt or cord tie or plaited wool tie.
Shoes-any flat, sturdy shoes.
Coif - (for your head). A triangle of white material tied around the head to hide the hair. The long ends are tied over the hanging point, which is then tucked over the knot.

Whilst the PTA will be financing half of the cost, we would like to ask for a donation of **£7.35** per child.

While this is a voluntary contribution, without these contributions from parents' future events may not be able to take place. We hope you will agree this is excellent value for money and will provide the children with a memorable experience. **Donations can be made via Arbor under trips.**

As with all educational activities, this workshop is dependent on voluntary contributions from parents. These enriching experiences are a valued part of our curriculum, and we greatly appreciate your support in making them possible. We always strive to keep costs as low as possible. If you require financial assistance to help cover the cost, please speak to Mrs Petitt in confidence.

We kindly request that payment via Arbor is received by Friday, 25th September.

Finally, to help with the smooth running of the day, we would like to ask for some parent helpers please. If you are able to help, then please email us through the parents@lordshipfarm.herts.sch.uk email address. Parent helpers will be asked to get into the spirit of the day too and dress up.

Kind Regards
Chestnut Class Team