

Pre/Primary School

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Dear Parents

We know your children are all excited about our residential field trip which will be in Cappadocia, in central Turkey, and will take place between Monday 20th June and Friday 24th June. This letter is to give you more details about our plans.

We will be flying on Monday 20th June on Turkish Airlines flight TK2004 that leaves Atatürk Airport at 12:25. We will return on flight TK2007 that leaves Nevsehir at 08:30 arriving back in Istanbul at 10:00. We will travel to and from Atatürk Airport with Az-Al buses. On arrival at Nevsehir Airport at 13:50 we will be collected by a coach and driven first to an underground city before continuing to the hotel in Göreme.

The name of the hotel is the Tourist Hotel. The hotel has a detailed web site with photographs for any parents who wish to see where we are staying (website www.touristhotel.com.tr) The children will stay in rooms in twos or threes. The teachers will be sleeping in rooms on the same corridor. Breakfast and evening meals will be eaten in the hotel. We will take packed lunches with us to eat during the two days that we are out walking. On those days children will make their own packed lunches with food supplied by the hotel. They will be expected to make their own healthy sandwiches and select some fruit and a bottle of water.

The camp, which is a central part of our transition program, is designed to support your child's personal development, team building, and social skills. We do this by providing a hands-on, experiential learning opportunity that pulls together many of the foundation curriculum subjects we have studied throughout the year with a particular focus on Art, Geography, History and Sport. I have added a copy of the program with this letter.

The children will be accompanied at all times by the Year 6 teachers, Nikki Dereboy, Cara Frigeri, Matthew Tough, as well as Carolynne Bell (the Key Stage 3 Coordinator from Zekeriyaköy Secondary School) and Fulya Esen, to ensure we have a native Turkish speaker with us at all times.

The price covers the following:

- Flights to and from Cappadocia
- Travel insurance
- Hotel accommodation
- All meals in the hotel, packed lunches, drinks with the meals, ice cream in the evening



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- Transport to and from the airport in Istanbul and Nevsehir
- Entry to museums

Your children need to bring the following things for the trip:

- **Passport** to enable them to get onto the flight. *We will collect the passports and keep them in the hotel safe during our stay*
- Toothbrush/ toothpaste
- Hairbrush or comb, bath soap (shampoo is provided by the hotel)
- Sleeping clothes
- Spare underclothes for the four nights we will be there
- Spare trousers/ shorts
- Two or three t-shirts
- Light jumper or fleece for the evenings
- Light waterproof jacket in case of showers
- Socks and well-fitting trainers for sports activities. *We will be doing a lot of walking. It is essential that these fit well and are sturdy.*
- Sandals or flip-flops for around the hotel
- Swimming clothes and towel for use in the hotel swimming pool
- Rucksack for carrying packed lunch, water and cameras during daily trips
- Sun cream, sun hat (sun glasses are optional but recommended)

Your children may bring up to 50TL spending money to purchase a small souvenir or postcards. Your child may bring a book or a pack of cards for the flight but, as you will have noticed from the program, there will be very little spare time while there. Your children may also bring a mobile phone and a camera. Please note that mobile phones and cameras that they bring to the camp are not covered by either school or hotel insurances, in case of loss or theft. Please do NOT bring ipads, computers or other expensive items. Could you please ensure the things your child brings are carried in a **small bag** such as a rucksack or an on-flight bag.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the trip please feel free to ask your child's Class Teacher, Mrs Amanda Ilhan or Mr Richard I'Anson.

Yours sincerely

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The following is the daily program for our trip to Cappadocia from 20th to 24th June, 2016:

Mon 20th June:

- 12:25 Catch TA flight from Atatürk Airport
- 13:50 Arrive Nevsehir Airport
- 14:00 Coach to Kaymaklı underground city
- 15:30 – 16:30 Arrive at hotel and settle into rooms
- 16:30 18:30 Introduction to the CAS reflection journals and set goals for week
- 19:00 Evening meal relax bed

Tues 21st June:

- 7:00 Wake up
- 7:30 Breakfast
- 8:30 Göreme Open Air Museum – treasure hunt while there based on murals in caves
- 11:30 Walk to **Rose Valley** and along valley to Cavasun where we will eat packed lunches
- 16:00 Return to hotel and relax
- 17:00 Team games
- 19:00 Evening meal / relax/ bed

Wed 22nd June:

- 7:00 Morning run for those who want it. Morning run along back of hotel with Caroline Bell and one other teacher for those who want to.
- 8:00 Breakfast and make packed lunch
- 9:00 Set of for trek along **Zemi Valley**, make natural sculptures
- 13:00 Back to hotel for lunch
- 16:00 Visit carpet making workshop and pottery workshop to learn about traditional crafts
- 18:00 Walk into Goreme to look at the shops for small gifts/ postcards
- 19:00 Evening meal/ relax/ bed

Thurs 23 June:

- 07:00 Morning run for those who want to
- 08:30 Breakfast and make packed lunch
- 09:30 Visit **Zelve Open Air Museum** morning explore museum
- 12:00 Packed lunch followed by environmental activities
- 15:00 Return to hotel
- 16:00 Analyse progress in CAS booklets



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Friday 24th June:

06:00 Early breakfast

06:30 Leave for airport

08:30 Plane leaves for Istanbul

10:00 Arrive in Istanbul and return to school with Az-Al service buses

15:30 Leave school on usual method of transport

