



# Lydgate Junior School

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Dear Parents/Carers of Year 6 children

## **R.E. Trip to Walkley Buddhist Centre on Wednesday 10th and Thursday 11th June**

As part of our Year 6 learning based around Buddhism, we are taking the children to visit Walkley Buddhist Centre. The end of May marks Wesak day, which is a very important day for Buddhists, and the children have been learning about the customs and traditions of this festival.

At the centre, the children will be taking part in various activities. The morning will include: teaching, activities, discussion and a short secular mindfulness meditation. The themes covered are:

- the life story of the Buddha and the symbolism of Buddha images,
- Buddhist artefacts,
- Buddhist teachings and practices including Ethics and the Five Precepts,
- Sangha or spiritual community and
- there will also be time for students' questions.

As the centre can only accommodate up to 60 children at a time, we intend to visit on two separate mornings:

**Maple and Cherry - Wednesday June 10th**

**Holly and Oak - Thursday June 11th**

We will be leaving school at around 9.15am and will be returning at around 12.45pm. Because the kitchen will have finished serving, **we are asking that all of the children bring a packed lunch on this day which they can eat on returning to school. Your child will also need a snack and a drink to take with them.**

We welcome **parent volunteers** for this trip so if any of you are able to help us walk the children there and back, please let the office know.

**In order for this trip to take place, we are asking for a voluntary donation of £5 (through parentpay) to cover the cost of our visit and tour of the centre. As with all activities of this kind, we can only ask for a voluntary contribution, but should insufficient funds be received, the event may have to be cancelled.**

Kind regards,

The Year 6 team

