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UKS2 Best Will in The World Workshop – Monday 12th October

Dear Parents and Carers,

To enhance our History and English units on William Shakespeare and *The Tempest*, we have planned a visit to Mary Arden's Farm in Stratford-upon-Avon on Monday 12th October. This exciting visit will provide the children with an immersive experience of Tudor life and a unique opportunity to take part in the 'Best Will in the World' workshop, delivered by the Shakespeare Birthplace Trust.

During this energetic, full-day drama workshop, children will explore the themes, characters and storylines of a Shakespeare play through a range of engaging activities. They will handle replica artefacts, learn about Shakespeare's life and times, and work collaboratively to devise and perform scenes using Shakespeare's language, movement and music. The workshop culminates in the children staging an abridged performance, bringing their learning to life in an authentic Tudor setting.

Children should arrive at school at the normal time. We will travel to and from Mary Arden's Farm by coach and expect to return to school a little later than usual, at approximately 3.40pm. They should wear their school uniform and sensible footwear suitable for a day of activities. We ask that all children bring:

- A named, pre-filled water bottle
- A packed lunch and morning snack
- A waterproof coat
- A named rucksack so that they can carry their belongings independently

The cost of the trip is £10.50 per child, which includes transport and participation in the workshop. We are grateful to the Friends of Himbleton for their generous support in helping to subsidise this cost. Please make payment and consent to the trip through Arbor no later than **Monday 5th October**. Although payments for educational visits are voluntary, please be aware that the visit may not be viable and may therefore not be able to go ahead if we do not receive sufficient funds to cover the cost of the visit. If you wish to discuss payment, please make an appointment to speak with Mrs Shaw.

This promises to be a memorable day that will bring our learning about Shakespeare vividly to life. We are very much looking forward to seeing the children immersed in the world of Tudor England and developing their confidence through drama and performance.

If you have any questions regarding the visit, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,

Mrs Hedges
Class Teacher