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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are very excited to announce that on Thursday 27th February we will be taking the children to Bestwood Country Park, to tour the Winding House that was used when the site was an old colliery. This will be part of our Community Theme Week work that is designed to build links with local people who work and live in the local area.

The children will be out of school for the morning, and the visit will consist of a tour of the old mine's winding house and machinery, that will be led by the volunteers who will be opening the site especially for us. As the Winding House is a small building, only one class will be able to tour the building at a time, so the other Year 5 class will complete other tasks and activities whilst seated in the old Dynamo House café that is also on the site. The classes will then swap, so that all children can see the Winding House for themselves.

We will expect the children to come in their full school uniform and be dressed in warm and water-proof clothing, including an outdoor coat, as we will be walking across Bestwood Country Park to get to the Winding House. They will require a packed lunch on the day. School pack lunches will be available to those who need them, but will need to be ordered in advance. Your child will need to arrive promptly at 8.50 am so we can leave school by no later than 9am to ensure that we arrive at the site of the visit in plenty of time.

The children previously enjoyed the Community themed work that we completed in support of Southglade Library, so this will be a brilliant opportunity to build more links with another local group. There is **no cost for this trip** as the Winding House and Dynamo House Cafe are both staffed by volunteers, and we will be walking to the site to remove the need for any additional transport.

We are extremely grateful for your continued support allowing us to offer exciting new experiences.

Thank you

The Year 5 Team

