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Dear Families of Y2,

21st February 2024

As you know, as part of our History topic we have been learning all about **The Great Fire of London**. The children have been enjoying learning how this major event shaped the London we know today.

We are excited to inform you that we have arranged for 'The Drama Hut' to come into school to deliver a drama-based workshop to our Year 2 classes. This workshop will take place on **Tuesday 26th March**.

The workshop will introduce Thomas Farriner, the King's baker, from Pudding Lane, who survived the fire to tell the story of what happened during those three fateful days. The children will discover with help from him and later Samuel Pepys, the famous diarist of the time, what it was like to live in London before and after the fire. During this workshop, the children will:

- Create 10 second pictures from the period
- Discuss quotes from Samuel Pepys's diary and unravel their true meanings
- Act out a poem depicting the events of those three days during which the fire raged through London
- With movement and song, become the fire itself with dramatic effect and climax
- Debate with Samuel Pepys how the fire changed London forever and how architecture could be improved for the future

The cost of the workshop will be **£4.64** per child. Please ensure all payments are made on ParentPay by **12th March** in order to secure this exciting experience. Although this is a voluntary contribution, it will be very difficult to continue to arrange these events if we are unable to secure funds to cover the costs. In ParentPay you will also see a separate option to overpay the amount, as requested by some parents. This is for anyone who wishes to pay extra to help families who may struggle with the cost, and this will help to ensure trips or events are not cancelled due to funding issues.

In order to get the most out of the experience, we would like to invite the children to dress up on this day. We are not expecting families to buy additional clothing but if you are able to use the below images to support with any costume, it will all add to the day. Children could wear long skirts with a shawl, or a white t-shirt and waistcoat, for example.



If you have any questions, please feel free to ask a member of the Year 2 Team.

Thank you

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Miss Lee, Mrs Bennett and Miss Smee - Year 2 Team

