

**ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL, ISLEWORTH**

Dear Parents,

15<sup>th</sup> May 2017

As part of their topic work on 'Water World', Year 4 will be taking part in an environmental study walk to the River Thames in Isleworth. 'Investigating Environment Change' is organised through Thames Explorer Trust. **4E's** visit will take place on **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June** and **4S's** visit will take place on **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June**.

As part of the new National Curriculum, students are expected to regularly partake in field studies. This investigatory practice will provide students with opportunities to apply their knowledge of rivers and will use fieldwork skills including:



- Observing changes of the Thames over time;
- Recording the different river features;
- Measuring and assessing water quality through chemical testing;
- Using a range of methods to gather evidence of how the river is used today;
- Collecting invertebrate samples for a study into the water quality;
- Creating an understanding of how the use of the river has changed and the environmental impact of this.

Both visits take place between 9.30 and 11.30am so the children will be back in school for lunch as normal. Pupils do **NOT** need to wear school uniform to school, but they should wear clothing you don't mind getting muddy. It is advisable that your child should wear trainers for walking.

Pupils will also need to bring in a backpack:-

- A bottle of water
- Rain jacket
- Wellies for the foreshore
- A spare plastic bag to take muddy footwear home
- A spare pair of socks

The cost of the visit is **£6.75** per child, which should be paid via [www.parentpay.com](http://www.parentpay.com), by Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June. *If your child is a Pupil Premium child, they are exempt from payment and the payment will not show on your Parentpay account.*

Yours sincerely,

**Miss J. Evans**  
**Class Teacher**