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Dear Parents and Carers,

Commonwealth Day Service – Monday 11th March 2024

I have been notified that we have been allocated 10 places at the Commonwealth Day Service which will be held at Westminster Abbey in London on **Monday 11th March 2024**, in the presence of His Majesty The King and members of the Royal Family.

The theme for Commonwealth 2024 is "One Resilient Common Future: Transforming our Common Wealth," looks at the core pillars of the Commonwealth through a resilience lens. CHOGM 2024 aims to strengthen: Resilient democratic institutions upholding human rights, democracy, and the rule of law. A resilient environment to combat climate change. Resilient economies that support recovery and prosperity. Resilient societies to empower individuals for a peaceful and productive life.

I have selected the Junior Governors to attend along with members of the School Council and therefore, your child is invited to take part. I will accompany the children along with Mrs Bush.

Transport:

The children will travel to and from London by train, spending the full day in London. Children will need to meet myself and Mrs Bush at Bognor Regis Train Station at **7.40am prompt**.

After the service, the group will arrive back to Bognor Regis Train Station at approximately **7.50pm**. You will be required to collect your child from the station. You must ensure your emergency contact number is correct on the attached permission form. If there are any changes to the expected return time (e.g. train delays) you will be notified by text message and/or dojo message using this number.



Costs/Lunch Arrangements:

The cost of this trip is **£25.71 per child**. The cost will cover your child's return train fare to London, breakfast, lunch, snacks and drinks. The amount asked only covers the cost per child. No parent is ever subsidising another child. Payment should be made via **MCAS by Monday 4th March**.

What to take:

Children will need to wear full, smart uniform and must bring a warm coat. **They must not bring a bag with them.** We also request that mobile phones are not taken.

Filming/Photograph Consent:

This event will be filmed and will be televised by the BBC. Therefore, we must have consent for your child to be filmed/photographed during this event. Regrettably, any child who does not have permission will be unable to attend. **Please ensure you tick the relevant box on the attached consent form.**

Please complete the attached medical/permission form and return no later than **Friday 9th February**.

Please note that although contribution is voluntary, we must point out that it is probable that these sessions could not take place unless all parents, who are able, are willing to contribute. If this should prove difficult, please contact the school office in confidence. If you are in receipt of income support or certain other benefits please contact the school office in confidence, so that payment options can be discussed. In the event this trip is unable to go ahead for any reason, all money paid will be refunded in full.

I hope you understand that this is an exciting opportunity and one I hope your child will enjoy.

Kind regards



Mr Noel Goodwin
Headteacher