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Dear Parents and Carers of children in green and blue class

Advance notice of green and blue class visit to South Shields and participation in the Children North East Sandcastle Challenge

We are delighted to let you know that we have organised a school visit to South Shields for the children in green and blue class and for them to take part in the Children North East Sandcastle Challenge on **Friday 05 July**. The purpose of this letter is to let you know about the visit in advance.

Activities

The children will travel to and from South Shields by bus. The Children North East Sandcastle Challenge will take place from 10:45am to 11:45am. During this time the children will work with staff and volunteers from our school to build their design in teams on a 4m x 4m plot.

Prior to taking part in the competition, children will work with representatives from Metnor Construction, who have been chosen as our business partners for this event by the organisers. They will work with the children to plan their designs so they know what they are going to build before they get to the competition. The theme for this year's competition is "build a new world". The children will work in teams made up of green and blue class pupils.

Judging of the designs will take place between 12pm and 1pm. Children will eat the packed lunch that they will need to bring with them.

After the judging and award ceremony, we will stay at the beach until it is time to leave and return to school.

Timings

We will leave school after registration has been completed. Children should be at school by 8:45am as normal. We will be back at school by the end of the school day at 3:15pm so there are no changes to the arrangements at either the beginning or end of the day.

Cost

We have booked a bus. I will let you know the cost of the bus in our next letter as we will be requesting a voluntary contribution.

Lunches

All children need bring a packed lunch to eat at the beach. Water will be available to fill water bottles via Northumbria Water's community vehicle.

What do the children wear

Children should wear **clothes which are suitable for being outside on the beach all day**. They will be provided with a **t-shirt** to wear which is being paid for by Metnor. Even if the weather seems good

when they leave home in the morning they must have a **warm and waterproof coat**.

Adult helpers

We will need adult helpers to help us on this school visit. Please check your diary. When we write to you again to request written permission and the voluntary contribution we will ask you to let us know if you can help. Please do not book time off work until we confirm that we do need you to help us on this visit.

Next steps

We will write to you again soon to ask for your written permission for your child to take part in the visit and to request your voluntary contribution.

Yours sincerely

Miss Chappell
Headteacher