



12 March 2024

Dear Parents & Carers,

Thank you for the early start on Friday; there is something particularly special about being able to take every single child from JD at the same time that adds a spark to the trip.

### Collection Times

Please can I ask parents to be attentive to the times they are expected to collect their children. Children are always keen to share their excitement with you and if you are on time, you will get that buzz from them. Children who are left waiting often get demoralised and it is difficult for myself and my staff when late collections impact upon our own families at home. To give you an idea of the extent of the issue, last week I was kept waiting after events for late collections for a total of almost 3 hours. Please be prompt for collection.

### Cavepod - Wednesday 13 March 2024

We have arranged for the Cavebus people to return to school, this time bringing their newest addition, the Cavepod. This will allow children in small groups to experience the delights of caving, as they squeeze through the artificial tunnels. **Pupils should arrive in school wearing suitable rugged clothing**, ensuring that legs and arms are covered. **There is no cost to parents for this activity.** We will take groups out to the pod throughout the day. It should be quite an experience. **If your child has a Chorister commitment at the end of the day, they will need to bring their full school uniform in a bag to change into later.** No watches or earrings in the session please.

### JD2 Hiking Trip - Friday 15 March

Market Deeping to Glington Church (scenic route). We will hike alongside the river, through lakes and woodland, through tunnels to a small river beach for lunch. We will then hike riverbank and country lanes to reach Glington Church. **There is no cost to parents for this activity.**

- Pupils should arrive in school in their hiking clothes.
- For our hiking trips we recommend that pupils bring a small backpack to carry their equipment. They will carry all their own items for the day and this makes it comfortable and keeps their hands free.
- Sturdy clothing from home to hike in - clothes that can get muddy, no jeans.
- Sturdy footwear, e.g. **wellington boots or hiking boots for the expected muddy terrain.**
- Pupils will all need to bring a waterproof jacket and wear their **school hoody** for identification on the trip.
- Water, packed lunch and a snack. During our hikes we change the rule so that the snack can be something like a piece of cake, Twix or similar, doughnut or biscuits. **Please do not send sweets or bars of chocolate.**
- Some weather specific items may be needed, e.g. sunhat/suncream, warm gloves depending on the forecast.
- We ask all pupil to bring a plastic carrier bag, folded flat, which is handy to sit on if the ground is damp.
- **If your child has a Chorister commitment at the end of the day, they will need to bring their full School uniform in a bag to leave at School and change into later.**

### Advance warning

Packed lunch will be needed on **Tuesday 26 March** due to the timing of the Cathedral Service.

Yours faithfully,

Mr D Ludford  
Head of Junior Department