

5th February 2024

Re: Y3 visit to Olive School, Birmingham

Dear Parents,

Y3 pupils will be visiting the Olive School in Birmingham on Wednesday 13th March. Pupils will travel by coach and return by 3pm. They will be taking part in the 'Faith and Belief Forum's School Linking Programme' which Woodside is part of. The aim of the programme is that pupils should feel confident in communicating and collaborating with anyone, regardless of their faith, belief, disability, culture or background.

School linking gives pupils of different faiths, beliefs and cultures opportunities to meet and learn about each other. Our pupils will meet the Olive School pupils who they have already met when they visited Woodside but this time at their school.

Miss Orgill along with the teacher at Olive School has planned a range of fun activities that both classes will participate in during the visit with the main outcomes being that it will help pupils to:

- Learn how different people understand and live their faiths and beliefs.
- Challenge common myths and stereotypes.
- Understand the diversity within and between different traditions.
- Become more able to ask and answer questions in a sensitive way.
- Learn to understand and share their own faiths and beliefs.
- Develop skills of communication, empathy, and reflection.

Along with the activities, pupils from both schools will have lunch together. Children should bring a packed lunch, unless they require a packed lunch from the school kitchen. If this is required, please ensure you select a packed lunch on the app before 8.30am on Wednesday 13th March.

Please complete the consent for the trip by Friday 1st March on Arbor.

If you have any questions regarding this visit, please do not hesitate to contact myself or Miss Orgill.

Kind regards

Natasha Johnson

Headteacher