

23/09/2019

Dear Parents/ Guardians,

We are getting nearer to departure date for Russia and I hope that your son/daughter is getting excited.

- We will be leaving the school at Prittlewell Chase in the early hours of the 27<sup>th</sup> October. PLEASE NOTE THAT WE TURN THE CLOCKS BACK THE NIGHT BEFORE . If you forget to change the clocks, you will arrive early!!!!!! Departure time from school is **2.20am** . ( GMT) We will be checking passports before pupils get on the bus.
- Please provide packed meals for the day as we will not be eating until the evening in the hotel.
- Please pack **all medication in hand luggage** , as we will be changing planes in Brussels on the outward bound journey. Likewise for return journey, where we change at Amsterdam.
- It might get very cold whilst we are there so pack warm clothes and sensible shoes for walking around the cities.
- You might want to invest in a sleeping bag liner for use on the overnight train – bed linen is provided but some might like to sleep within a liner and use their own pillowcase. This is not compulsory.
- Roubles are the currency for Russia and I should imagine that £150 worth of roubles is sufficient for use on the trip.
- We will ring from Heathrow on return from Russia – I expect that by the time we have cleared customs, we should be leaving around 11pm from the airport and hopefully back in the very early hours of the 2<sup>nd</sup> November, at Prittlewell Chase.
- We are being sent an APP four days before the trip, from the NST Travel Company and I will tell the students how they might download it onto their phones. It will contain the full itinerary.
- Emergency contact numbers in Russia are the school mobiles - 07713 480009 Jane Halsall, 07545 211616 – Ms Helen Frost.
- Emergency school contact will be – Mrs Smith 07717708024 and Mr Oxenham 07436 561183

We will be having a meeting for all students going, two weeks before we break up for half term. Please send them with any further queries or e mail me direct.

I look forward to seeing you in the early hours of October 27<sup>th</sup> 2019!!!