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## *'Small School, Big Opportunities, Great Achievements'*

Thursday 19th September 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

### **Year 5 Maths Competition at Christ's Hospital**

We have been given the opportunity to take a team of four pupils from year 5 to a Maths Competition at Christ's Hospital on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September.

I will drive the children to the competition by car, accompanied by one other member of staff.

We will leave Thakeham Primary School at 12.30pm to arrive there by 1:00pm. When we arrive we will be able to watch the Christ's Hospital pupils march alongside their school band to lunch.

The first Maths challenge of the afternoon will start at 1.45pm. The mathematicians will participate in different mathematical tasks gaining points and this may include working with dice, pentominoes, playing cards, dominoes, tangrams and counters. The final round is the coming together to work through multiple choice mathematical problems. This challenge is unique where the young mathematicians will also witness the "daily" ritual of the pupils of Christ's Hospital marching into the dining room for lunch to the accompaniment of the school's marching band. This event began in the 1600s.

Prize giving will be about 3:00pm and we will be travelling back to school at 3.50pm. I expect we will arrive back at school by 4.15pm so please arrange to collect your child then.

Please can you confirm if you give permission for your child to attend by emailing the School Office on [office@thakehamps.co.uk](mailto:office@thakehamps.co.uk) by Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Hopkins

