

22nd April 2022

Visit by Alan Ames, The Birdman on 16 May 2022 (Science Week)

Dear Parents,

On **16 May 2022**, the children will be having a talk given to them about the ecology and conservation of Birds of Prey by Mr. Alan Ames, (The Birdman) founder of Eagle Heights Wildlife Foundation in Eynsford, Kent.

They will meet an owl, a falcon and an eagle. The school has completed a risk assessment and staff and children will be following strict guidelines around how to behave and move around the birds so that everyone is kept safe.

By bringing the birds to schools, Mr. Ames highlights the need for conservation, and explains to the children about predators, ecology, adaption and how the natural world works, and the problems it faces. Eagle Heights have reintroduced Buzzards to the Darent Valley and have also initiated a scheme to provide nesting boxes for Barn Owls amongst other projects, details of which can be found at www.eagleheights.co.uk

After the presentation there will be an opportunity for the children to have their photograph taken holding one of the birds on their gloved hand. Each colour photograph will cost **£5.00** with a mount and will measure 5" by 7" (siblings can have one photograph together).

If you wish your child/children to be photographed, please go to your Parentpay Account to give your consent and to pay by 9 May 2022. Look for the "Bird Man Photo 2022" payment item. Without consent and payment, photographs cannot be taken.

If your child has an allergy to birds (or their feathers) or do not wish them to see or take part in the display, please let the office know immediately: office@st-josephs-jun.croydon.sch.uk

The photographs will be ready for collection at the school approximately 4-5 working days after the visit.

GDPR COMPLIANCE : The photographs are taken by Mr. Ames on a digital camera. The images are downloaded onto a laptop and the images erased from the memory card. The images are then uploaded to Photobox www.photobox.co.uk who print the pictures and send them directly to the school. The images are stored in a Photobox album on the laptop for 28 days in case any duplicate pictures are requested or any get damaged in transit. The images are then permanently deleted. Images or pictures are not shared with any other third party or published elsewhere.

Yours sincerely



Mrs L Fernandes

