

12th September 2023

Dear Parents / Carers,

As we welcome your child into year 3, we would like to outline for you the visits we plan to undertake during the year.

This term we have a visit to Murton Park where we become Stone Age people for the day and take part in a range of activities which have always totally inspired the classes who have been, providing a really memorable experience. Later in the term, we also anticipate taking the children on a local walk to look at the geography of Bessacarr and Lakeside as a settlement. In the spring term, we will not be going out of school but children will have the opportunity to come to school dressed in something that represents their culture or heritage.

We wanted to outline this to you now, as the first of these is also the most expensive and we felt that it is important to put this in context. Each year, we review whether this visit provides value for money. We are convinced that it does because throughout the year, children refer back to it with great enthusiasm and excitement.

Year 3 will be visiting Murton Park in York. The visit will be a living history day based upon life in that period. Children will get the chance to experience what it was like to live in a Stone Age settlement and learn about how farming has changed. The cost of the visit will be £34. The price includes the provision of a dedicated historian who will guide us through a day of interactive activities which are not available to the general public. Throughout the day, we will be dressed in costume (provided by the site) and having sole use of the replica village.

Newts class will go on Monday 25th September
Frogs class will go on Tuesday 26^h September

We appreciate that this is short notice but due to unforeseen circumstances we have had to move the visit forward. In order to support you with the cost we would like to offer two methods of payment

- Option 1 make the full payment of £34 prior to the visit
- Option 2 make a payment of £14 prior to the visit followed by two payments of £10 by October half term

Please make your payment via Parentpay.

Because of the long travelling distance to the park, we ask that children arrive promptly in school for **8.20 am**, to be ready for the coach collecting us at 8.30am. We anticipate arriving back at school at approximately **4pm**, depending on traffic. **If we are delayed, we will inform you via text.**

It is important and valuable to everyone's education that we receive a maximum number of contributions. This promises to be a fantastic day, with many hands on activities which will inform follow up work and reinforce work already covered. **Children will not require any spending money.**

The centre will provide us with Stone Age costumes, but they ask that children come dressed in casual clothes which may get slightly dirty due to the activities which the children will be involved in.

As we will be out of school during lunchtime, could you ensure your child has a packed lunch for the day. Boxed drinks are ideal (no cans or fizzy drinks please). Any child who receives free meals will be provided with a packed lunch if required (please inform the school office).

May we also ask that your child brings a warm coat and suitable outdoor footwear, as many of the activities will involve the children working outside.

Please complete the consent form on the following link and pay for the visit on Parentpay. We are sure that this will be a great day out and a memorable experience for your children.

<https://forms.office.com/e/SvaRTwTJM4>

Yours sincerely,
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