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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. In the autumn 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. Finally, in the summer term, we hope to visit the new Doncaster Museum, focusing on the evidence of the Roman invasion of Britain.

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 provides value for money. We are convinced that it does because throughout the year, children refer back to it with great enthusiasm and excitement.

On Monday 13th September Mr Martin's class and on Tuesday 14th September Mrs Maddox's class 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 the lives of our distant ancestors in a period we can truly call the dawn of farming.

Because of the long travelling distance to the park, we ask that children arrive promptly in school for 8.30am, to be ready for the coach collecting us at 8.45am. The day will conclude at 3.00pm and we anticipate arriving back at school at approximately 4.15pm, depending on traffic. **If we are delayed, we will inform you via email or text. Please ensure that you have recorded your contact details with us on ParentPay, as this is the platform we use for email and text communications.**

In order for this visit to go ahead, we require a voluntary contribution from each child of £32.00, payable on our Parent Pay system. This can be paid in one lump sum or as three payments in July, August and September if that helps. The charge is made up of £15 for the coach and £17 for entry to the museum. This 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.

It is important and valuable to everyone's education that we receive a maximum number of contributions; otherwise the visit is unlikely to go ahead. 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 some activities will involve the children working outside.

Please sign the consent form and return it to school as soon as possible together with the contribution. We are sure that this will be a great day out and a memorable experience for your children.

Yours sincerely,
Mr Martin and Mrs Maddox
Year 3 class teachers

I give consent for my child _____ in ____ Class to participate in the Murton Park visit on Monday 13th September /Tuesday 14th September 2021

- I have made payment of £32.00 via Parent Pay
- I have paid a non-refundable deposit of £12 and will make two further payments of £10 prior to the visit

I would like to volunteer to help on the trip yes / no

Signed: _____ Parent / Carer