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Dear Parents/Carers

Year 3 Stone Age Experience - Residential at The Technology Centre

We are delighted to be in a position to share with you further plans regarding our new and exciting planned Year 3 residential. We have been working closely with The Ancient Technology Centre to finalise plans for the proposed visit. We are deeply mindful of the current situation with regards to COVID and that all trips are currently paused until after half term, however it is vital for us to share this information with you now, in order to provide sufficient notice and give time over to the planning of the trip. We have every intention to continue with this residential and will do all we can whilst working closely with The Ancient Technology Centre to mitigate risk.

As part of the Year 3 programme, we have organised a one-night residential experience to the Ancient Technology Centre, near Cranborne in Dorset.

Monday 25 April until Tuesday 26 April 2022 - Amethyst class

Tuesday 26 April until Wednesday 27 April 2022 - Tanzanite class

The pupils will depart school around 9.15am on the day of arrival and return to school around 10am the following day for a follow-up day in school.

The children will have the opportunity to engage in an active programme over their stay made up of a variety of tasks and jobs typical to the Stone Age period. These will include fire wood prep, digging using antler picks and daubing, just to name a few. They will also have the opportunity to work together to prepare a Stone Age meal, which they will eat for dinner, by making stew, bread, cheese and butter. Finally, they will enjoy playing games and telling stories around the fire before going to sleep in a longhouse.

We believe this will be an exciting and valuable experience for our year 3 learners and it will give pupils the chance to take part in and experience activities which we would not be able to facilitate at school. This gives further opportunities to prepare them for 'a life well lived' through developing the four pillars which underpin our curriculum lived and taught.

Why the Ancient Technology Centre?

They believe experiential learning through living and working in a natural environment and reconstructed historic buildings is the best way to learn about the past. They present Stone Age to Viking buildings and crafts with activities linked to KS1 and KS2 of the National Curriculum for History. Visitors to their site genuinely experience what it would have been like to live a day in the life of their ancestors. For more information visit <https://ancienttechnologycentre.com/>

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Costing

We anticipate the total cost of this residential experience will be approximately £62-£70 per pupil, depending on numbers. Please note this price may change if some children do not attend – we will advise on the change of figure if required. The price includes transport to and from the site, all activities, insurance, food and accommodation.

To secure your child's place and to confirm that you would like your child to attend, we will need an initial payment of £20.00 which is non-refundable by **Friday 18 February via Parent Pay.**

Once deposits have been received and the total price confirmed, Parent Pay will be set up to enable you to pay on an as and when basis to suit you but the remaining balance must be **paid by 20 April 2022.** Parents are reminded that if we do not receive sufficient contributions we may have to cancel this trip.

Please note: If your child is entitled to pupil premium and you would like to use this to make payment please contact the school office.

We appreciate that this is a lot of money to find, especially after the struggles COVID has caused for many families. The activities and experience of a residential for the children develops them in so many ways that we simply cannot deliver here on site. Their growth in confidence, the enjoyment had, the friendships strengthened and the skills gained make this such a special event. We would absolutely hate for any child to miss out on this due to financial issues. If you have any concerns regarding the financial implications of this trip then please do get in contact.

Best wishes



Rebecca Wood
Head of School