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Dear Parents/Carers

Year 4 Roman Experience - Residential at Hooke Court

We are delighted to be in a position to share with you further plans regarding the planned Year 4 residential. We have been working closely with Hooke Court 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 regarding the residential 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 Hooke Court to mitigate risk.

As part of the Year 4 programme, we have organised a residential experience to Hooke Court, near Beaminster in Dorset, from **Monday 16 May until Wednesday 18 May 2022 (2 nights)**. This programme teaches the children all about life in the Roman times as well as giving them an opportunity to spend time living and feeling like a Roman in their Ancient History Settlement.

Your child will have the opportunity to engage in an active programme over two and a half days made up of a variety of pursuits linked to the Romans. The activities will include a Roman soldier 'boot camp', making mosaics, constructing aqueducts and onegars as well as a Roman day and team building. On top of this they get to experience staying away from home with their peers, sleeping in Hooke Courts very own camping quarters. The children will get to experience sleeping under canvas, in beautiful bell tents.

We believe this will be an exciting and valuable experience for our year 4 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.

What is Hooke Court?

A 14th Century Manor House provides the centrepiece for Hooke Court near Beaminster, Dorset. This historic setting of both a field study and activity centre is truly inspirational. With a wealth of experience from primary to GCSE level teaching staff, their qualified and knowledgeable tutors have enabled Hooke Court to develop a wide range of programmes that enhance and supplement the National Curriculum.

The tutors are all trained to deliver high quality educational sessions outside the classroom environment. The activities are all designed to bring particular subject areas to life in a way which is not always easy in the classroom. Their aim is to ensure that your child will go back to school having learnt a lot without even realising it! For more information visit www.hookecourt.co.uk.

Costing

We anticipate the total cost of this residential experience will be approximately £180 - £200 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 £50.00 which is non-refundable by **Friday 11 February via Parent Pay**.

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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 13 May 2022**. Parents are reminded that if we do not receive sufficient contributions we may have to cancel this trip.

Please note: Due to the Year 4 tank museum trip being cancelled back in November, we will reduce the total cost of this trip by £8.63. If you decide your child will not be attending this residential we will organise for this refund to go back to you or if applicable your Pupil Premium Account. We have tried all we can to rearrange this visit however sadly we just cannot find a suitable date for both classes to attend together. We are deeply sorry but hope the residential is something all our Year 4 learners can look forward to.

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



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