



09 January 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

#### **Year 4 Roman Experience Residential at Hooke Court**

As part of the Year 4 programme, we have organised a residential experience to Hooke Court, near Beaminster in Dorset, from Tuesday 09 May until Wednesday 10 May 2023 (1 night). We had arranged the dates in advance and for this to be a 2-night trip, however this has now fallen on the date for bank holiday for the coronation on 08 May. We tried to rearrange the dates with Hooke Court but unfortunately, they did not have any other availability during term time. Therefore, we have made the decision to go ahead but for one night so that the children still get to experience staying away for the night and the Roman activities which we could not provide at school.

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 our Ancient History Settlement.

Your child will have the opportunity to engage in an active programme over one 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.

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.hoocourt.co.uk](http://www.hoocourt.co.uk).

#### **Costing**

We anticipate the total cost of this residential experience will be approximately £130- £140 per pupil, depending on numbers.

To secure your child's place please confirm that you would like your child to attend and we will need an initial £30.00 deposit via Weduc which is non-refundable if you choose to remove your child from the trip (we will however, refund the deposit if school decide not to run the trip due to pupils' numbers or cost being too high). The deposit payment is due by 9am, Friday 3 February 2023.

Please can you fill in the Microsoft Form to confirm that your child will or will not be attending so that we know that everyone has received this information. <https://forms.office.com/e/AK5rZW8Hsp>

Once we have confirmation of numbers, we will then confirm a final price with families based on the number of pupils attending.

Best wishes

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