



18 October 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

### **Year 3 Stone Age Experience - Residential at The Ancient Technology Centre**

We are delighted to be in a position to share with you further plans regarding our exciting planned Year 3 residential. We have been working closely with The Ancient Technology Centre to finalise plans for the proposed visit.

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

Wednesday 19 June until Thursday 20 June 2024 - **Amethyst class**

Thursday 20 June until Friday 21 June 2024 - **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, flint knapping, 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/>

### **Costing**

We anticipate the total cost of this residential experience will be approximately **£62.60 - £69.04** 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.

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To secure your child's place please confirm that you would like your child to attend and we will need an initial £20.00 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 17 November 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 by 9am, Friday 17 November 2023:

<https://forms.office.com/e/Qbk1m5w51Q>

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

**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 during the cost of living struggles. 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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Rebecca Wood

Head of School