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Dear Parent/Carer

Year 3 Visit to Butser Ancient Farm – Wednesday 4th December 2024

The children in Year 3 will be learning about the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age in history in the Autumn term. In order to immerse children fully in this topic, we will be taking the year group to Butser Ancient Farm in Chalton. Butser Ancient Farm is a world leading destination for experimental archaeology and education, bringing the past to life through hands on, immersive, practical workshops and activities.

The trip will take place on Wednesday 4th December. All the children will travel by coach from Park Avenue base. We will need to leave school at 8.30am and we will return to school at approximately 3:10pm, depending upon traffic. Children should arrive and go straight to the school hall promptly at **8:15am**. Please arrive with plenty of time.

Children will need to bring a packed lunch, in a named rucksack. Please remember no glass bottles, cans of drink or nuts of any kind. Children should wear their PE kits (navy jogging bottoms, a yellow t-shirt and trainers) as well as their Riverbridge jumpers. The trip takes place outside so please also bring a warm waterproof coat and a pair of wellies in a named plastic bag. If your child has previously experienced travel sickness, please inform the school office by 27th November.

We may require some parent helpers to accompany us on the visits. If you are able to help please can you email office.riverbridge@lumenlearningtrust.co.uk We will then contact you once we have confirmed the number of adult helpers required.

The cost of the trip will be £28.50 which can be paid in two instalments (1st instalment by 31st October and 2nd instalment by 30th November) if you would prefer. We always work hard to ensure trip costs are limited, this year the cost of admission to Butser Farm has increased. However the learning opportunities it provides are unrivalled. Due to this, we will be reducing the cost of the Year 3 Sleepover, taking place in the Summer term.

An online consent is available for this trip when you make your payment via www.scopay.com/riverbridge-pri this should be ticked to give permission. We are unable to allow the children to take part unless this has been ticked. The contribution is voluntary, however if there is insufficient support, the trip may be cancelled. As a school we cannot fund this type of enrichment visit without voluntary contributions. To ensure the cost of the trip is as low as possible we have booked for the whole year group; therefore a contribution is still required should your child not be able to take part due to absence. We can not accept childcare vouchers or tax free childcare payments for school trips.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak to your class teacher.

Yours sincerely,

Miss C Heffernan
Year 3 Group Leader