

Dear Parent / Guardians



As we're sure you are aware, first hand experiences are an extremely effective way of bringing learning to life for children. With this in mind, we are very excited to offer the Year 5 children the opportunity to visit Butser Ancient Farm in support of our current history topic, the Anglo-Saxons.

The trip will take place on Wednesday 17th October, leaving at 9:00am and returning at approximately 3:30. Your child should be in school at the normal time.

The journey will take approximately 2 hours, so if the children wish to bring a book or pen and paper then that's fine. Please ensure the children **DO NOT** bring anything electrical to play with.



At the farm, the children will take part in four hands-on activities; wattling (the Saxon method for building frames for houses), daubing (coating the frames to make walls), spinning (making thread by spinning sheep wool) and an archaeological dig.

You are invited to make a voluntary contribution of £20 to cover the cost of the transport and other incidental expenses. Although the contribution is voluntary, I do need to point out that it is probable that the visit could not take place unless all parents, who are able, are willing to contribute.

I appreciate that some families might find it particularly difficult to contribute all or part of the suggested sum, and if you feel that you are in such a position, please do not hesitate to contact Dr Jones in confidence to discuss whether some suitable arrangements can be made to cover the cost of your child's participation.

I also need to stress that if a family were unable to contribute, and the trip were still to proceed, no child within the year group for whom the trip is intended will be disadvantaged and be left out of the activity.

- Walking shoes / wellies (instead of school shoes)
- Up to £5 spending money (optional)
- Your child will require a packed lunch unless your child is entitled to free school meals.
- A backpack to store lunch in and bring back any items they have made.
- If you pay for hot school meals please contact Chartwells in good time to get a credit as a packed lunch will not be provided.
- Your child will not be required to wear school uniform for the trip, but please ensure they are appropriately dressed in old, warm clothes with plenty of layers and a coat/raincoat.

If you would like your child to have the opportunity to visit Butser Farm the reply slip must be returned to their class teacher by Monday 15th October.

Mrs Kingsbury and the Year 5 team.

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**ORCHARDS JUNIOR SCHOOL - YEAR 5 VISIT TO BUTSER ANCIENT FARM - HAMPSHIRE**

**(please return to the class teacher by Monday 15th October)**

Child's name \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_

I enclose a contribution of £20 and agree to my child going on the trip to Butser Farm.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_