

# Oaklands Junior School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

On Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2021 we will be taking Year 3 to visit Butser Ancient Farm in Petersfield, as part of our topic work based on the Stone Age to the Iron Age. Butser is a working archaeological site, where replica examples of Roman villas, Celtic and Stone Age houses have been created based on remains of such buildings found in the south of England. This visit will provide an opportunity for the children to experience authentic activities and investigate realistic buildings of this period, further developing their knowledge and understanding of the work covered in class.

The types of activities that the children will be involved in are very practical in nature, and can include an archaeological dig, cordage, wattling and chalk carving. Please note that the museum is situated on working farmland and should your child have any allergies to animals please record this on the reply slip below so we can ensure they do not come into direct contact with the animals on site. The museum does have a dog, which will be onsite during the activities. Please notify us if your child has any concerns over being around dogs.

In order to take part in these activities, it is vital that the children wear appropriate **non-school uniform** clothing for the trip, as although in the event of heavy rain the activities will take place under cover, this will still be outdoors; the ground may well be very muddy and the weather conditions changeable.

On the day, your child **must wear/have with them:**

- Old trainers, spare shoes or wellington boots in a bag (it is very muddy).
- A waterproof coat.
- A water bottle that can be refilled as they need it on site.

Your child must **bring:**

- A change of clothes in a named carrier bag – only if the weather is exceptionally bad.
- A packed lunch in a named container. We would like to encourage the children to be ecological and think about the waste they produce.
- A named backpack to put the above items in. (The children will leave their bags in one of the round houses while they take part in their activities and retrieve them for their lunch).

Please note that all of the above items are essential in order for your child to take part in the visit. Rest assured that we will ensure that children take off some of their layers on the coach journey so that they do not overheat! Staff will be taking plenty of photographs at Butser Farm, so please do not bring cameras along on the day. A lunch area, and toilets are available on site.

The total cost of the trip is £20.50 which includes: entry to the working museum and resources for activities (each child will bring home something they have made during the activities) and travel by coach to Butser Ancient Farm. We do feel that this represents excellent value for a memorable day full of experiences that the children in Year 3 will really enjoy. Please complete the reply slip below and attached EV2 form, and return it along with payment, to the school office by Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January.

You will be able to pay for this activity online if you have set up your internet payment account. You are still able to pay with cash or cheque and if paying by cheque these should be made payable to "Oaklands Junior School". Anyone experiencing financial difficulties should speak in confidence to Mrs. West. Pupils who receive free school meals will automatically have the cost of the trip paid for from the Pupil Premium Budget.

As part of our maths lessons before the trip we will be practicing spending money in readiness for the shop on site. We will then let you know how much money they will be allowed to bring on the day, but this is no means compulsory; we estimate it will be no more than £3.00. Any spending money for the trip should be given to the class teacher in a named envelope to keep it safe until they are in the shop.

We look forward to what promises to be a wonderful day that will start off the children's history topic on the Stone Age and also provide them with a memorable experience of history in action.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Jones, Miss Green and Miss McComish

# **Butser Ancient Farm- Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2021**

I give permission for my child ..... Class: .....  
to go to Butser Ancient Farm on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

Any information regarding my child being near animals:

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I enclose a contribution of .....

I have paid online (please tick)

Signed: ..... Parent/Carer