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Thursday 5th February 2026

Dear Parents/Carers

Re: Year 3 Spring term trip and Visitor

As part of our creative, connected curriculum we aim to provide rich and engaging activities to support learning in our topics. Next half term our topic changes its history focus – Stone Age to Romans – and we have arranged a couple of exciting learning opportunities to supplement the children's in-class learning.

- Portals to the Past – similar to our Stone Age workshop, an expert will be in school on Thursday 5th March and Friday 6th March
- We will visit Fishbourne Roman Palace on Friday 20th March

The cost for Fishbourne Roman Palace school trip is **£25.50** and we ask that payments are made by **Monday 9th March**.

The cost for the Portals to the Past in school experience is **£7** and we ask that payments are made by **Friday 27th February**.

The cost combined is £32.50 per pupil which is payable via school money – note these are two separate items. Please visit schoolmoney.co.uk to pay and give parental permission. Please contact the school office, if you have any problems with this payment.

At the time of writing, there is £228.75 outstanding (across the year group) from the Portals to the Past experience which took place in January. Please, if you have not yet done so, could you make payment as soon as possible. Unfortunately, school cannot afford to run at a deficit, and we want to ensure planned trips/experiences are able to take place in the future.

Portals to the Past day – Roman Dress Up Day

On Thursday 5th March, 3SR, 3JD and 3HB will be participating with our visitor and will have a day of exciting Roman learning activities. We would love the children to come in dressed up as anything to do with the Romans - not only does this make the day more fun, but it really immerses the children in their learning. Please don't spend money on a costume: anything that can link to our history learning will be amazing.

On Friday 6th March, 3SL, and 3ST will have the same experience as the day above.

To confirm the dress up days:

- Thursday 5th March – 3SR, 3JD and 3HB
- Friday 6th March – 3SL and 3ST.

We are aware that the visit on Thursday 5th March (unfortunately) clashes with World Book Day. 3SR, 3JD and 3HB will celebrate World Book Day on Friday 6th March instead – more details regarding World Book Day will be sent out separately.

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Fishbourne Roman Palace Trip (Friday 20th March)

The children will get to take part in a workshop and get to grips with lots of hands-on learning activities. In order to get the best possible coach price, while maximising the time we have at the Fishbourne Palace, the timings of the school day will change slightly on this day. **Pupils need to be in school at 8.10am** (so that the coach can leave promptly at 8.30am) **and we expect to return between 3:50 and 4.10pm**. Children will need to wear **school uniform** on this trip but can wear **comfortable shoes or trainers**. Please ensure that children have a coat suitable for the weather on the day and a bag with a snack, bottle of water and packed lunch. There will be an opportunity to visit the on-site shop. If you wish to give your child some money to buy a small souvenir, please give them no more than £5 (In a named bag/purse/wallet). Finally, if your child normally has school dinners, please make sure you cancel this at least two weeks in advance.

If you have any queries regarding this letter, please contact the office email, or talk to me after school on the playground.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Mr Davies'. The signature is written in a cursive style.

Mr Davies
Head of Year 3