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Year 3 Trip to Butser Ancient Farm

Dear Parents/Carers,

As part of our history topic, Year 3 will be visiting Butser Ancient Farm in the South Downs National Park on Monday, 20th October.

The children will travel by coach, leaving promptly at 9:00 am and returning in time for the end of the school day. They will take part in a variety of engaging, hands-on activities, including:

- Archaeology
- Wattling (weaving fences/walls)
- Jewellery making
- Handling historical artefacts

Dress Code and What to Bring

Please note that the site is open to the elements and can be cold and windy. The children are not required to wear full school uniform, but they must be dressed appropriately for the weather.

- If it is warm/hot - Yellow school polo shirt, non-uniform bottoms (no short shorts), and trainers.
- If it is cold/wet - Waterproof coat, non-uniform t-shirt/layers, long trousers, and a school jumper or cardigan on top.
- Footwear - Waterproof trainers, strong old shoes, or wellies if it is wet/muddy. Please pack a named carrier bag with a change of shoes for your child to wear on the coach, to keep it clean.

Essential Items

Please ensure your child has the following:

- A packed lunch in a disposable bag (no glass bottles, fizzy drinks, or sweets).
- A named water bottle.
- Optional spending money: We suggest a maximum of £3.00 for the farm shop, kept in a labelled purse or envelope.

Travel Sickness Medication

If your child requires medication for travel sickness, please ensure they have taken a dose before school and that you have provided a second dose in a named envelope, clearly stating the time it is to be taken for the return journey (e.g., '30 minutes before departure').

Payment and Consent

The parent contribution for this trip is £13.50. We would like to extend a huge thank you to Friends of SFJS, who have kindly offered to pay the full cost of the coaches for this trip. If you feel you are unable to pay, please contact the school office to discuss alternative options. Registration and payment deadline: Friday, 17th October.

You can register and pay in one of two ways:

1. Online via Arbor: Go to your child's profile, select Activities > Trips > Butser Ancient Farm
2. Cash: Send cash in a named envelope via your child.

Your registration and payment will be accepted as confirmation of your consent for your child to be off the school premises on 20th October.

If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to contact the school office.

Yours Sincerely,

Year 3 Teachers

