



Wednesday 4th September 2024

Dear Lower School Parents and Carers

We are really excited about our upcoming Year 3/4 trip! This term, Lower School's project is **Homes** and we've are exploring our key question- ***What makes a house a home?*** During our History lessons, we will be exploring how homes have developed throughout history & how the purpose of having a home has also changed. The children will study homes from the Stone Age, right through to modern day. We will also explore the concept of **community** and looked at how this changed throughout the ages. To support their understanding of this, we have arranged an exciting visit to Butser Ancient Farm, located at Butser Hill, near Petersfield. The children will spend the day exploring the many reconstructed Stone Age, Iron Age and Roman buildings on the farm, looking at farming life in early Britain and carrying out some fun activities.

The trip will take place on **Tuesday 15th October 2024** and we will be leaving school promptly at 9.15am, after registering the children, and travelling by coach. The children will be outside for the whole day and will need to wear suitable warm clothes (school uniform not required) and also a coat. As they will be working outside and walking over rough and possibly muddy ground, they should wear sensible old trainers or other walking shoes, and, if it is wet, we would recommend wearing wellies. We ask that they bring a 2nd pair of shoes in a carrier bag which they can change into at the end of the day and wet/muddy shoes and boots can go into this bag.

The children will need to bring a water bottle and a packed lunch. If your child is entitled to free school dinners, or you would like us to arrange a packed lunch, please complete the form online on the ScoPay system. Your child will not need any money during the trip. We will return to school before the end of the school day.

We are asking for a voluntary contribution of **£20.40 per student** to cover the costs of the transport and multiple workshops throughout the day. Please note that although this contribution is voluntary, if we do not receive sufficient donations to cover costs, we may not be able to run the trip. To comply with our Charging and Remissions Policy please find a breakdown of these costs at the end of this letter.

Payment assistance: If you are unable to contribute the requested amount please indicate this on the reply slip online and the school office will be happy to discuss possible payment options/assistance.

Parent Volunteers: We have a few spaces for parent volunteers on this trip. If you are an approved Sun Hill Junior School volunteer and would like to help on the day please complete the section on the online form. Parents will sometimes be in the same groups as their child but this is not always possible as we are required to assign a set number of staff and volunteers per group.

Breakdown of costs: The costs attributed to this trip are as follows: Entrance and Workshops is £1062.60 and Transport cost for 2 coaches £650.00. Total trip cost £1712.60

Permission and payment: All parent permissions are now taken online through sco-pay. Please login to your child's account, find the trip entitled "Lower-School – Butser Farm and complete the required form. If you have not set-up your child's tucasi scopay account yet please contact the school office. The form will close on Friday 27th September 2024.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Bone. Ms Terry and Mr Wright