



**Nurture, Grow, Flourish.**

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26<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Dear Parents & Carers,

We are pleased to inform you that we have arranged for Year 5 to visit the **Ancient Technology Centre** in Dorset on **Tuesday 19th March 2024**. This is an exciting opportunity for the children to enrich their history learning this term and experience life in the Viking and Anglo-Saxon age, in and around a reconstructed Viking Longhouse.

Elder and Hazel Class will have exclusive use of the Ancient Technology site and 4 tutors, who will guide and lead activities over the day. This will include meeting around a fire in the fantastic Viking Longhouse and learning some of the seasonal skills and tasks that Anglo Saxon or Viking people would have undertaken. Each class will have the opportunity to participate in 3 activities, ranging from fence building, willow weaving, farming and construction, textile weaving or blacksmithing.

To ensure that we take full advantage of all this visit has to offer, we will need to leave school at 8.30am and return around 4.00pm. Further details regarding this will be given nearer the time. The children will need to wear Outdoor Learning clothes, such as long trousers, warm, long-sleeved tops, waterproof coat and wellies or sturdy shoes/boots. They will also need to bring a packed lunch and water bottle.

To cover the use of the Ancient Technology Centre and tutors for the day, plus all the activities and coach hire, the cost will be **£29.50 per child**. Contributions should be paid via Parent Pay in full by **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2024**. The school does rely on parental contributions in order to fund these visits and so if they are not received by this date then the trip may not go ahead. We really hope that all Y5 children will be able to take part in this unique opportunity.

If you have any questions or concerns about the payment or visit, please do not hesitate to contact us. More information about the Ancient Technology Centre can be found at: <https://ancienttechnologycentre.com/>

Please return the attached permission slip below by **Friday 9th February 2024**.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Bacon, Mrs Prosser and Mrs Oliver

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**Year 5 Visit to the Ancient Technology Centre, Dorset**

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

I give permission for my child to attend the visit to the Ancient Technology Centre and will contribute £29.50 towards the cost of the visit.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ (parent/carer) Date: \_\_\_\_\_