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Dear Parents / Carers,

I am thrilled to inform you that, as part of our History topic on the Stone Age, on Monday 18th September Mr Martin's class and on Tuesday 19th September Miss Pownall's class will be visiting Murton Park in York. The visit will be a living history day based upon life in that period. Children will get the chance to experience what it was like to live in a Stone Age settlement and learn about the lives of our distant ancestors in a period we can truly call the dawn of farming.

Murton Park offers an 'emphasis throughout the day on the use of role-play and scenarios to support the learning experience'. The Park suggests that for the children to fully understand and appreciate the day and help them travel back in time to the Stone Age period, they need to dress in clothes that would have been worn at the time. The centre will provide us with these clothes, but they ask that children come dressed in casual clothes which may get slightly dirty due to the activities which the children will be involved in.

As we will be out of school during lunch time, could you ensure your child has a packed lunch for the day. Boxed drinks are ideal (no cans or fizzy drinks please). Any child who receives free meals will be provided with a packed lunch if required.

Because of the long travelling distance to the park, we ask that children arrive promptly in school for 8.30am, to be ready for the coach collecting us at 8.45am. The day will conclude at 3.00pm and we anticipate arriving back at school at approximately 4.15pm, depending on traffic. **If we are delayed, we will inform you via email or text. Please ensure that you have recorded your contact details with us on ParentPay, as this is the platform we use for email and text communications.**

In order for this visit to go ahead, we require a voluntary contribution from each child of £21.00, payable on our Parent Pay system. It is important and valuable to everyone's education that we receive a maximum number of contributions; otherwise the visit is unlikely to go ahead. This promises to be a fantastic day, with many hands on activities which will inform follow up work and reinforce work already covered. **Children will not require any spending money.**

May we also ask that your child brings a warm coat and suitable outdoor footwear, as some activities will involve the children working outside.

To discover more about the visit to Murton Park and the learning experience provided, take a look at the website at <http://www.murtonpark.co.uk/stone-agebronze-age/>

Please sign the consent form and return it to school as soon as possible together with the contribution. I'm sure that this will be a great day out and a memorable experience for your children.

Yours sincerely,
Mr Martin and Miss Pownall
Year 3 teachers

I give consent for my child _____ in Class _____ to participate in the Murton Park visit on Monday 18th September/Tuesday 19th September 2017

I have made payment via Parent Pay

Signed: _____ Parent / Carer