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Dear Parent/Carer

Next half term, Year 4's topic will be 'Saxons and Scots'. We are excited to have arranged a brand new trip to 878 AD in Winchester which will support the children's historical learning about the Anglo-Saxon time period.

878 AD is an immersive experience in two parts: an interactive attraction with stunning video projection and live performance, and an augmented reality adventure. During the visit, your child will get the opportunity to complete Anglo-Saxon themed challenges and be immersed in the sounds and smells of the city as they walk amongst the Anglo-Saxon villagers. 878AD offers a captivating journey into the heart of the Anglo-Saxon era, allowing children to witness history first hand. The children will then be walking across to the Winchester City Museum, where they will explore the sights and sounds of Winchester through the ages and further Anglo-Saxon artefacts and exhibits.

The visit is planned for Monday 25th March (Pine and Beech class), and Tuesday 26th March (Maple class). We will be leaving school promptly at 8:45am in order for us to arrive in Winchester for 9:30am. Therefore, we are asking pupils to be **dropped to school early at 8:30am**. We will be leaving Winchester at 2:45pm and are **aiming to arrive back at school for 3:30pm**, this arrival time is traffic dependant. You will be kept updated by the school office should timings need to change.

As your child is in receipt of Pupil Premium the total cost of the visit £10.40; this cost covers the 878AD workshop, museum visit and coach travel (please note that the cost of coaches has gone up considerably- £12.11 of the total cost is to cover coach transport).

Our preferred payment method is SCOPAY, where payment can be made securely by credit/debit card via the SCOPAY app or website at www.scopay.com/freegrounds-jun.

Your child will require a snack, packed lunch and a non-fizzy drink to take with them. We recommend that children bring their items in a clearly named rucksack or carrier bag. Please also ensure that your child has appropriate clothing (including a waterproof coat), as we will be walking between the two venues.

We may require parent helpers to support with the visits- if you are able to help, please email the school office on admin@freegrounds-jun.hants.sch.uk as soon as possible. Due to safeguarding regulations, we are only allowed to take parents/carers that have been DBS checked (Disclosure Barring Service). If you would like to initiate a DBS check, please contact the school office.

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Jo Scott
Year 4 Lead