

All Saints' C of E (VC) Primary School

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Dear Parents & carers,

We are delighted to inform you that we have arranged three trips/activities for our Y3/4 children over the coming months. One is linked to our Tomb Raiders topic, one is linked to our Megastructures topic, and one is linked to our Dear Earth topic. As a school, we firmly believe that experiences like these really do enhance the children's learning and make lifelong memories.

On **Wednesday 5th March (please note new date)**, "Portals From The Past" will be joining us in school for the whole day. They will be facilitating an exciting, immersive and inspiring history workshop, transporting the children back to Egyptian times.

On **Wednesday 14th May**, in the morning, each class will be walking to the Moot Hall where they will be having a short tour around this "Maldon Megastructure". This will form part of the normal school day. Children should be in full school uniform please.

We will also be taking all of the children to Thorndon Country Park for the day, where they will take part in a number of exciting outdoor activities led by the Essex Parks Team. These will include geocaching and nature art. This visit will take place on two separate days as follows:

Otters and Foxes on Monday 23rd June

Badgers on Monday 30th June

For the Thorndon Country Park trip days, the children will need to be in school promptly in order to be registered in class by 8.45am. The coach will leave school at 9.00am and will return by the end of the normal school day. Children will require a packed lunch and water bottle (no cans or fizzy drinks please). They do not need to wear school uniform but should be dressed appropriately as we plan to be outside all day (please pack a waterproof jacket and sunhat). Children should wear comfortable shoes, such as trainers with long trousers, layers are ideal. We will review exact clothing closer to the time, when we have a better idea of the weather, as it is always unpredictable! Note: If your child requires travel sickness tablets please administer them before school in the morning and give the ones for the return journey to the class teacher in a named envelope, with full instructions written on the front.

In order for your child to attend these activities **you must give permission via the School Gateway App**. The cost for **all three** of these trips will be **£29.50 per child** to cover the cost of the activities, entry fees and transport. In line with the Education Reform Act of 1988 (Section 118 (2)), this amount can only be asked for as a voluntary donation and will not prejudice any child's attendance. However, I must stress that if enough donations are not received then the activities will have to be cancelled. The school does not receive funding for activities of this nature.

If parents are unable to make **any** voluntary contribution because of financial difficulties, please discuss this with Mrs Hewer. If your child is unable to attend an activity due to illness, then the cost of that activity will be reimbursed.

Kind regards

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LKS2 Phase Leader

