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17th January 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

The Year 4 Hooke Court Residential is approaching. This letter outlines key information regarding the trip.

Information you NEED to know:

Dates: Monday 25th March - Wednesday 27th March 2024.

Cost: £180 all inclusive.

The children will be **transported to and from Hooke Court by coach.**

Payment:

Please see your **School Money account** and complete any remaining payments by **29th February 2024.**

Forms to fill out and return:

Please find attached a '**Parental Consent Form**'.

This **MUST** be completed and returned to school by **Friday 9th February 2024.**

Without this, we **will not be able to take your child to Hooke Court.**

Please find attached the '**Behaviour Agreement Form**'. Please read through this with your child and both sign at the bottom to confirm that you agree to the terms and return this to school by **Friday 9th February 2024.**

Activities:

Your child will enjoy a range of activities during their stay. An exact itinerary is yet to be determined but please see Hooke Court's website for details of their offering.

<https://www.hookecourt.co.uk/residential/programmes/history/roman-invaders/>

Medication:

If your child will require medication during the trip, please make your class teacher aware beforehand. Once this is agreed and a plan is in place, you will need to send the medication and clear instructions to school in a **named and sealed plastic bag with a completed medical form.** Please ensure your **child's medication and their allergy information** is up-to-date.



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Arrival: Monday 25th March 2024

Your child should **arrive at Ocean** at the usual time on **Monday 25th March 2024**. The coach will depart at approximately **10:30am** and we will arrive at Hooke Court by 12:00pm. If your child receives free school meals, they will be provided a packed lunch on the first day. Otherwise, please provide a packed lunch in a carrier bag and refillable water bottle in a **named carrier bag** on this day. All other meals will be provided by Hooke Court.

Departure: Wednesday 27th March 2024

The coach will leave Hooke Court at **1:30pm**. We anticipate that we will return before the end of the school day and therefore, **normal collection should apply**. If for any reason we are delayed, the office will send you a text message as soon as possible.

Your child will **leave Ocean Academy** at the usual time of **3.20pm** on **Wednesday 27th March 2024**. Unless you advise otherwise, we assume that your child will abide by their usual home-time arrangements on that day. Please contact the school if your normal home-time arrangements will be different on this day.

Personal Items:

Please see the **attached list of essential items** and **ensure that *all* items are named**. Children will be **responsible for their personal possessions** on the trip but if you clearly name all belongings, staff will have a chance of reuniting pupils with any lost property.

Pupils **must not** bring jewellery, watches or any other valuable items.

Pupils **must not** bring sweets or any other food items.

Children are **not permitted to bring mobile phones or cameras** on the trip.

If any of the above are brought to the residential trip, they will be confiscated by staff and returned to parents on collection on Wednesday 27th March 2024.

Please pack belongings into a bag **no greater than the size of a small holdall/large rucksack**. We are travelling by coach and space for luggage is limited.

The Year 4 team will send regular updates throughout the duration of the trip. These will be sent to you through the school text system.



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We will be holding a virtual information presentation on the evening of **Thursday 1st February 2024** on Google Meet, starting at **5:00pm**. We will be able to show you pictures of the whole trip and answer any questions you may have. Please have your microphone and video turned off for this as we will use the chat function to share questions, which will then be answered. **The Google Meet link for the meeting will be sent to you on the day of the meet.**

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely,

The Year 4 team



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KIT LIST

Essential Items for a stay at Hooke Court

Clothing and shoes worn outside during activities will inevitably get dirty – so old clothes are best! We try to help children look after their things, but items regularly get lost or left behind. We therefore strongly recommend that you name all items of clothing – and provide your child with a packing list, so that he/she can check items back into their bag.

Please use the following checklist to help pack bags:

- 1 bath towel
- Toiletries bag containing: toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, hairbrush etc.
- Night wear
- Socks and underwear
- T-shirts, shirts (at least 1 with long-sleeves)
- Thick sweater/hoodie x 2
- Trousers/ jeans and/or tracksuit bottoms x 2
- Shorts and/or skirts (depending on weather)
- Waterproof jacket (and trousers if you have them)
- Sturdy shoes or wellingtons
- Indoor shoes/slippers
- Pairs of trainers (a pair that can get muddy)
- Torch
- Large plastic bag for dirty clothes
- Gloves, hat, scarf (in winter)
- Sun hat and sun cream (in summer)
- Refillable water bottle

* Please note that most outdoor activities require long sleeves and long trousers even in the summer to protect legs and arms from scratches, ticks etc.

Please do not send mobile phones, any electronics or anything of value.

Hooke Court cannot be responsible for any loss or damage to personal property.



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