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Year 3 and 4 History Stone Age Day – Danby Moors Centre.

Dear Parents and Carers,

As part of the visit, the children will take part in a range of exciting outdoor activities within the grounds of the visitor centre. Working in small groups, they will explore the woodland and develop their understanding of how people have used the natural environment, both in the past and today.

Activities will include:

- **Clan Identity and the Essence of Trees** – Children will work in small ‘tribes’ and use a map to explore the grounds, locate their ‘tribal tree’ and discover how trees were used by people during the Stone Age and how they are used today.
- **From Past to Present** – Children will create a timeline and explore how the landscape of the North York Moors has changed from the last Ice Age to the present day, including the role people have played in shaping the landscape.
- **Fire Lighting** – Children will learn about traditional fire-making techniques and will be shown how flints, fire steels and natural materials can be used to create a fire. This activity will be carefully supervised by the activity leaders.

The dates for our trip are as follows: Mrs Metcalf/Mrs Morris’ and Mrs Mintoft’s classes on Wednesday 14th October and Mrs Devine’s class on Tuesday 20th October. The cost of the travel and trip has kindly been covered on this occasion by our Friends of the School, so we will not ask for a contribution.

Weather conditions in the North York Moors can change quickly, so the children need to arrive in school prepared for poor weather. Please bring to school:

- Footwear – trainers/wellies. These can be in a separate bag to change into for the activities with sensible footwear worn for the rest of the day.
- Waterproof coat with a hood, warm clothing including long trousers.
- A small rucksack to carry a packed lunch and a drink.

A packed lunch is also needed for the day. If your child would like a school packed lunch (£3.78 or free if your child is entitled to FSM), please contact the school office by 9am Monday 5th October and state what sandwich choice they’d like – cheese, ham, egg or tuna. If your child has medication in school (inhaler, etc), please ensure this is packed in the day bag. The coach will be leaving school at 9:15am. Please give any travel sickness tablets prior to arriving at school if necessary. We will be returning in time for the end of school day.

We would appreciate some parent volunteers to help us on this trip, please let the office know if you can help.

Yours sincerely

Sally Mintoft

