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Dear Parents/Carers

Year 1 Visit to the Dinosaur Museum

As I am sure you will be aware, diesel prices are going through the roof. This in turn has meant that coach companies are having to increase their prices accordingly. Depending on how far away the destination, the vast majority of a school trip is the cost of the transport to get to the destination in the first place.

With this in mind, we have taken the decision to not travel to a dinosaur museum but instead to get a museum to come to us. A voluntary contribution of £10.50 will cover the cost of this visit. This visit will be an important part of our learning and we very much hope that you will be able to support us and your child with this activity. Please be aware that if a significant number of parents do not pay for this visit we will be unable to offer a visit of this type in the future. If you have difficulties in making a payment, please come and chat confidentially to Mrs de Carteret.

On Thursday 14 June, the Travelling Natural History Museum will be setting up an interactive, educational museum in our own school. It will include opportunities for hands on experience with real dinosaur relics and fossils. This is not your usual 'don't touch' or 'please be quiet' experience, with pupils rushed quickly by displays to catch the coach home in time, instead the children will get to interact with life-size dinosaurs.

As well as the museum session, the children will be digging for fossils with our Forest School team and taking part in lots of dinosaur craft activities. To get the children in the right spirit, we would ask that they come dressed as an explorer or palaeontologist (they dig for dinosaur bones).

It wouldn't be a school trip without a picnic, so children will be provided with a picnic which they can eat outside (weather permitting). This will consist of a cheese sandwich, cake/biscuit and a bag of raisins, children can choose this option on the day or they can bring in their own packed lunch. No other option will be available.

We hope you will be able to support us in this new exciting venture. We are sure that the children will get a lot out of it! You will shortly receive a text message to enable you to make online payments to the school. Cheques should be made payable to Hampshire County Council. If you wish to pay by cash then please enclose the correct money where possible. If you do require change then please be advised that this may not be issued on the day payment is made.

Yours sincerely

Paul Stray

Mr P Stray Year 1 Leader ≫		
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