



HANDCROSS PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! We hope you have had a lovely break. We wanted to begin by saying a huge thank you for all your support in helping the children to complete their holiday homework – the children have come back feeling confident and ready to learn.

We are really looking forward to a fantastic Spring Term. Our topic is The Stone Age to the Iron Age. Please see our attached curriculum overview for information about the exciting things we have planned in each subject.

Trips and experiences

Later in the term, on the **13th March**, we will be visiting **Butser Ancient Farm** in Hampshire. This is a unique experimental archaeological site and it promises to be a fascinating day of learning. This ancient farm displays ongoing constructions of Iron Age buildings based on real sites, crops from prehistory and rare breeds of animals. The children will participate in several activities such as archaeology, jewellery making, wattling and spinning which will give them a taste of life in Britain thousands of years ago.

The children will need warm clothing (non-uniform is acceptable) and sensible shoes as all of the activities will take place outside. They will need to bring a packed lunch on this day. Please cancel your child's hot school lunch if applicable.

We have also arranged for **author Vashti Hardy** to visit us on **Friday 15th March**. She will be doing an assembly for the whole Key Stage to tell us about her books and then an adventure story writing workshop with each class. The children will also have the chance to purchase a signed copy of one of Vashti's books.

The total cost of these experiences for the whole term is **£23 per child** and payment can be made using school money.

If you would like to help on our visit, please let the office know. As we are limited on numbers of adult helpers because of coach space, we will confirm with you as soon as possible if we need you to accompany us.

Should you wish to discuss any of the above or have any questions please feel free to make an appointment with your child's teacher. Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Stone, Miss Warsap, Miss Bloomfield, Miss McDonnell and Miss Lane

