



Birley Primary Academy

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Year 4 Educational Visit to Murton Park (near York) on Monday 15th and Thursday 18th July 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

We are very excited to announce that we have arranged an educational visit to Murton Park in York, for July 2024. This visit will extend and support our summer term history learning journey; 'Invaders and Settlers', and is a fantastic, immersive learning experience where the children will spend the day as Viking settlers. The programme of events at Murton Park is designed to provide realistic living history experiences.



"...a unique educational environment (in an authentically recreated Viking village built using the materials and techniques used by actual Viking settlers in the Dark Ages) designed to allow children to become Vikings for a day. Costumes are provided and children carry out activities as the villagers of a Dark Ages settlement. Grinding wheat, weapons training (with blunt, dummy weapons), guard duty, pottery, field and house work are some of the tasks children will undertake. Various visitors arrive to create role play scenarios, and the children get to eat their lunch with a Viking Lord in his Long House, sharing stories of raids and singing Viking songs."

There is a cost of **£32.50 per child** for this visit, which covers the coach, entrance fees and insurance.

We really cannot emphasise enough what a fantastic, fun and memorable learning experience this will be for our children.

We are aware that the cost of this visit is high. This is due to rising costs elsewhere in our economy that have had a knock-on effect on the price of excursions, especially the cost of transport. However, we do feel this is an amazing experience that the children will thoroughly enjoy, and something that will complement and cement their history learning on this topic, as well as forming a life-long memory that they will cherish for years to come. Because of this, we have decided to go ahead with this excursion as we do not want our Y4s to miss out on such a fantastic opportunity.

Because of the expense involved, this will be the only chargeable excursion that we will be taking our year 4s on in this academic year, in an attempt to keep all other expenses to a minimum.



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All payments are to be made through our school's gateway app. As the trip doesn't take place until July 2024, which is 6 months away, there is the option of making smaller payments as instalments. We have already set this up on your gateway app so that you can begin to make smaller payments towards the total as soon as you are ready. If you are unable to make payments through our school's gateway app, please visit our school reception desk who will provide you with a barcoded letter. This can then be taken to any local retailer with the PayPoint sign displayed:



If you have any questions regarding this trip, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher, who will be more than happy to help.

Yours sincerely



The Y4 TEAM



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