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12<sup>th</sup> May 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 5 – ‘Portals to the Past’ visitor – Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2022

Our new topic this term is Ancient Greece. We would love to use this as a reason to go on a school trip to Greece ... however, we have gone for the next best thing! We are inviting a company into school to take us back in time!



PORTALS TO THE PAST

On Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> June, a team of performing historians will be coming into school for the full day. They will be leading a fun, exciting and fact filled day.

#### **GREEK WORKSHOP ‘RUNDOWN’**

A mixture of activities, role play, artefacts and fun really will bring this subject alive! From the warring city states, the birth of democracy and Greek legends, to Alexander the Great and Greek culture. The day will start with a short talk on Greek life and culture and the Battles of Thermopylae and Marathon, followed by four activities.

#### **MYTHS AND LEGENDS**

The children will then be transported to a Greek theatre, where they will take part in re-enacting Greek myths and legends. After lunch, a Greek warrior fresh from battle will demonstrate his weapons and armour. The differences between the city states of Athens and Sparta are explored and the children will take a lesson in democracy. If Athens wins, they will hold their own mini-Olympic Games. But if Sparta wins, they must join the Spartan Agoge to become warriors ... The great battle of Gaugamela between Alexander the Great and King Darius will then finish the afternoon!

There will be the option for dressing up, we will be in touch soon with more information about this.

A voluntary contribution of **£7.00** per child towards the cost of this company would be gratefully received. *This visit will be available from 12.00 pm tomorrow, Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May, on the [ParentPay](#) website for you to pay online in the usual way. As you are now able to give consent on [ParentPay](#) you no longer need to return a paper permission slip to school. Should you require a paper permission slip, please contact the School Office.*

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As I am sure you can appreciate, this workshop would not be economically viable and therefore could not take place should these contributions fail to materialise. However, our policy is that no student should be discriminated against by virtue of their inability to pay. Parents in receipt of Income Support or a similar benefit should contact me in the knowledge that the matter will be dealt with in the strictest confidence.

Should you wish your child to take part, please log onto [ParentPay](#) (from tomorrow at 12.00 pm) and give your consent/make payment **by Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2022**.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely



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On behalf of the Year 5 Team