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Dear Parents & Carers,

As part of our summer topic, The Roman Empire, we are very excited that Year 3 will be visiting Colchester Castle. As the children have been studying Roman artefacts and stories, they will have the opportunity during the day to explore the Roman vaults under the castle and have an opportunity to take part in a hands-on archaeology session.

The trip will take place on **Thursday 13th July 2023**. As it is a long journey, we will be travelling by coach and will **leave school at 08:45**. **Please ensure your child is in school for 08:30**. We aim to return to school by the end of the school day.

School uniform must be worn on the day and good walking shoes will be required.

Children will need to bring a packed lunch, preferably in a named plastic carrier bag. As it is a long day, please ensure that you provide enough food and drink. Those who receive a free school lunch can have a standard packed lunch provided to them; however, you may also want to provide extra food or drink. Please indicate on ParentPay when you pay and give permission, if you would like us to arrange a school packed lunch for you.

The school is subsidising the cost of the trip to minimise the cost to families. We are asking for a contribution of **£10** towards the entrance fee, cost of the coach and an interactive guided tour. Children will not require any spending money. Please pay and give your permission on ParentPay by **Friday 7th July 2023**.

Any parents experiencing difficulties paying should speak to the school office as we want all children to enjoy this experience.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Jordan and Mrs Scanes

WHAT IS COLCHESTER CASTLE?

Colchester was the first Roman capital of Britain and site of Boudicca's rebellion. Dating from the second half of the 11th century, the castle is the largest example of its kind in Europe. Today, archaeological collections of international quality covering 2,500 years of history are beautifully showcased, including some of the most important Roman finds in Britain.



After its construction by the Normans, Colchester Castle would go on to witness a range of events over the course of its lifetime. From being besieged by King John during the First Barons' War, to executions of English Civil War Royalist leaders on its grounds. Colchester Castle was also the site of the interrogation and jailing of 'witches' in 1645.

Roman Story Tour

- Journey back 2000 years as you descend into the Roman vaults under the Castle.
- This dramatic, interactive tour will explore the Roman invasion and Boudicca's revolt.
- Work as a team to reconstruct a large model Roman villa and Iron Age roundhouse.
- Handle real Roman pottery and investigate its uses.
- Develop skills of an archaeologist, investigating and interpreting evidence.