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Dear Parents,



As part of our learning on the Stone Age we have arranged for the children to have a "Stone Age experience" at school. We will be visited by educators who will take on the role of Stone Age people - they will sleep on site before the event and, when the children arrive, they will be ready to welcome the children into their own experience. The aim of the day is total immersion, and they start the session with a look at the timeline, then on to a demonstration of flint tool making (knapping). A fire will be lit, conjuring sparks from stones will be used for this, and after a demonstration of food preparation (usually a fish, pigeon or pheasant), we will cook a stone age meal, and share it with the children. Children do not have to eat anything they do not wish to!

There will be a range of activities for the children to try, including making string, scraping hides, shaping bone and antler with flint tools, hollowing out stone lamps, polishing axes, preparing plant fibres for string making, hollowing out wooden bowls, making pigment from ochre and more. We can spend the afternoon out in the grounds looking at plants, animal tracks, and building traps and cave painting. Things that are made in school will be left here for use after the day.

This experience is for Beech and Elm classes and should enhance their current learning and consolidate past learning on the subject. The experience will take place on the **3rd March**, in school. On the day, the children should come to school in non-uniform - warm, comfortable clothing with wellingtons or suitable outdoor shoes. If they have puddle suits, these can be worn as we will be outside for most of the day. Children will have their lunch/snack as usual so should have a packed lunch/ordered hot meal.

The educational experience is being subsidised by the school; however, we kindly ask for a voluntary contribution of £14 to help cover the remaining costs, payable on MCAS. Although this contribution is voluntary, we do need sufficient support in order for this experience to go ahead. If you have difficulty covering this cost, please speak to the class teacher or Mr Galvin.

Yours sincerely,

Clare Wiggs Emily Stedman
Beech Class Elm Class