



# Lydgate Junior School

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10<sup>th</sup> January 2019

Dear parents/carers of Y3 children,

## Stone Age Events

We have arranged for two exciting events to take place in the Spring term to support our History & Geography topic work on the Stone Age and our Science topic on Rocks.

First, we have arranged for a museum educator to visit school to run a hands-on activity day '**Surviving the Stone Age**' to enhance the children's learning in history. The visits will take place on:

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> January**      **3D/deB & 3W/W**  
**Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> January**      **3AR & 3EC**

In the morning, the children will look at what it was like for hunter gatherers and they will explore early farming and settlements in the afternoon. They will take part in a number of hands-on activities such as:

- Making stone-headed arrows from sticks and leather string
- Identifying stone age creatures from their ancient bones
- Weaving sticks to build a wall
- Grinding corn
- Combing wool and spinning it to make simple yarn... and much more!

The second event is a **trip to Pooles Cavern in Buxton**. During the visit, we will take a guided tour of the amazing limestone caverns (see [www.poolescavern.co.uk](http://www.poolescavern.co.uk) for a virtual tour) and then take a woodland walk to look at the views across Buxton and the Peak District. The visits will take place on:

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March**      **3EC & 3W/W**  
**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March**      **3D/deB & 3AR**

This visit is a whole day out of school. We will send further details about timings and what to bring/wear nearer the time. We will need some parent volunteers to help on this trip so if you are available and willing to help, please let the class teacher know.





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As you have already returned a permission form for your child to attend local visits, we do not need another one.

In order to go ahead with these events, we need to ask for **a contribution of £17.50 per child**. This will cover the cost of the Stone Age Day (£5.80), coach travel to Buxton (£7.20) and admission to Pooles Cavern (£4.50). As with all activities of this kind, we can only ask for a voluntary contribution, but should insufficient funds be received, the events may have to be cancelled. Please note that this includes the only visit out of school this year that involves a cost.

We currently use sQuid (the secure online service) to enable parents/carers to make contributions towards all trips and visits. Please contact the school office if you have difficulty with this method of payment.

Please could any payments be made by **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2019** as we will need to make a **decision on this date on whether we have sufficient funds for the trip to go ahead**.

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Julie Dutton  
Y3 Year Leader

