Kents Hill Junior School

14th October 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

RE: Year 3 'Portals to the Past' Stone Age Workshop

As part of their history topic this year, our children will take part in a range of opportunities designed to support their personal development. These experiences help them to understand and engage with the world around them while bringing the curriculum to life. All activities are age-appropriate and will ensure that children look back fondly on their time at KHJS, having created some of their best core memories.

On **Wednesday 25th November**, the children will participate in an immersive Stone Age workshop delivered by an external provider in school. The workshop will combine educational activities, historical facts and knowledge with opportunities to experience life thousands of years ago.

The day will begin by exploring how Stone Age people lived, hunted, and gathered food. Pupils will learn about tools and weapons, cave art, shelters, and how people worked together to survive. The workshop will also cover the transition from hunter-gatherers to early farming, giving children a real sense of how life developed during this fascinating time. This experience will link directly with the Year 3 history topic on the Stone Age. For an idea of what the day will be like, check out our video from last year's 'Day in the life with a Roman Leader' on Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/reel/DWEPwlBiBey/?exln=MXQwamRsanRiZ3FtYQ==

Clothing

To enhance the experience, we are inviting children to come to school in costume for the day. There is no need to purchase anything new—we have included some simple ideas below.

As the event takes place on school premises, lunch will run as normal.

To cover the cost of this experience, we kindly request a contribution of **£7**, payable via the Schoolcomms online payment system. Although this contribution is voluntary, the event will not be able to go ahead unless all or most of the costs are covered. Please also provide permission for your child to participate via the Schoolcomms system as soon as possible. We kindly ask that payment is made **by Friday 13th November**. If we haven't received enough funds to cover the cost of this experience by this date, we may unfortunately need to consider cancelling it. We really hope this won't be necessary and appreciate your understanding and support in helping us make this experience possible.

If you are able, you may choose to contribute **£10 instead of £7**, with the additional £3 supporting other children who may require financial assistance to attend. Your generosity is greatly appreciated and will help ensure that every child has the opportunity to benefit from this enriching experience.

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We are really looking forward to this workshop and are excited for the children to make lasting memories. Thank you in advance for your support and cooperation.

Yours sincerely,

The Year 3 Team

Stone Age Costume Ideas for Children

- Plain t-shirt or tunic-style top in natural colours (brown, beige, grey, black)
- Cut-off shorts, jogging bottoms, or leggings in dark or neutral colours
- Optional: faux fur, animal-print fabric, or a blanket draped as a cloak and tied with string/cord
- Plain boots, plimsolls, or simple shoes
- Optional: a cloth or band tied around the head
- Plain dress, tunic, or oversized t-shirt in natural colours (brown, beige, grey, black)
- Leggings, tights, or plain trousers underneath if preferred





Costume suggestions are based on what children wore at the time: costumes are encouraged but not compulsory.

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