



## MANOR COURT Community Primary School

incorporating **Manor Court Early Years Centre**

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Dear Parents/Carers

As part of our Science and Geography topic on 'Rocks' and to coincide with the book 'Stone Girl, Bone Girl' that we have studied in English, which tells the story of local fossil hunter Mary Anning, Year 3 are visiting the Charmouth Heritage Centre and beach on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2020. The cost of the trip is £7.70.

On the day, we will be supported by an Education Warden from the centre. The children will watch a short film show about the Jurassic Coast, Mary Anning and local fossils, and then have an interactive talk all about the different fossils they might find on the beach, plus how fossils form, then we head out to look for fossils on the beach! The children are welcome to take any fossils or rocks they discover away with them, as long as they are small and loose. There is plenty of space for us to eat our lunch outside, however if the weather is bad, we can eat in the centre's Education Room. There will be an opportunity to visit the gift shop too if you so wish for your child to do so; children should bring in a maximum of £3.00 in a named purse/wallet or envelope.

A packed lunch and drink will need to be provided for all children attending. Children who are entitled to school meals, or those who pay for a lunch will need to bring one due to the trip being held on a Monday, and the school catering firm unable to make a fresh lunch the day before as it is Sunday. An additional drink and snack is advisable to all.

The children do not need to wear school uniform. Due to the changeable weather, please make sure your child is dressed appropriately – layers and a waterproof coat. Please make sure they are also wearing clothes that are easy to move in, with their knees covered, as they will be bending and kneeling down a lot to identify rocks. **Sensible footwear with grip is a must.** There is a ten minute walk over pebble and shingle to the part of the beach where we will hunt fossils. A pair of gloves is advisable. High visibility jackets will be worn by all pupils.

The children will travel by coach. Due to our session starting at 9.30 am, and allowing time to walk from the carpark to the centre, **we will need to leave Manor Court prompt at 8.45 am.** The classrooms will be open from 8.30am so your child can come in and register. Unfortunately, if your child is not in school in time, they will stay with the staff remaining. The pupils will return to school within normal time (by 3.00pm). If your child has travel sickness please ensure the appropriate medication is given if necessary and inform their teacher so they can sit near the front of the coach.

If you would like your child to take part in this trip, please login to your ParentPay account and make payment by Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March, 2020 at the latest.

If you have any questions regarding this trip, or any other part of your child's education, please speak to us.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Terry  
Year 3 Class teachers

Miss Moore



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