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Thursday 27th March 2025

Year 5 Greek Day Memorable Experience – Wednesday 30th April 2025

Dear Parents/ Guardians,

As part of our Summer Term Project Groundbreaking Greeks, we have organised a Greek day led by Portals to The Past, a company that we have used before that delivers educational history workshops in schools. We are really looking forward to making a memorable start to our project in what will be an exciting and fun filled learning experience. During the day, the children will learn about the warring states, the birth of democracy, Greek legends, Alexander the Great and the Greek culture through a variety of practical activities.

To further enhance the experience, we would like to invite the children to come to school dressed in a fancy dress costume linked to Ancient Greece. Attached to this letter are suggestions for costumes that can be created at home using things that you already have. Please do not feel under any obligation to purchase costumes on-line. It might be fun to create a costume with your child over the Easter holiday. Please note: if your child wishes to bring a sword as part of their costume, they must make it from cardboard. No swords made of plastic, metal or wood will be allowed.

I am sure you are all aware that school budgets are very tight and that it is necessary to ask for funding for extra-curricular activities. We do try to keep costs to a minimum and aim to provide real value for money. Our records show that your child is in receipt of free school meals. To help with this contribution, we have used our pupil premium money to reduce the costs for your child by 75%. This means that on this occasion we would ask for a contribution of **£2.10** towards the cost of this exciting experience for the children. Please speak to your child's class teacher or Mr Averis as soon as possible if this is a problem. **Payments should be made on ParentPay.** When you log into your ParentPay account, you will find a payment item specifically for this workshop where you can complete the consent and pay your contribution. If you need any help, please don't hesitate to contact the school office.

If you would like your child to take part in this experience, please complete the consent form on ParentPay by Friday 25th April 2025.

Your support is very much appreciated to provide children with this opportunity.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Astell & Miss Proud

Year 5 Teachers

