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Dear Parents & Carers,

YEAR 1 TRIP TO PORTCHESTER CASTLE – FRIDAY 13th MARCH 2026



We are very excited to announce as part of our “Turrets and Tiaras” topic next half term, we are planning a trip to Portchester Castle on Friday 13th March. This is a brilliant opportunity for the children to have first-hand experiences and bring our curriculum to life.

The children will travel by coach, which will be fitted with seatbelts. All children will require a packed lunch (no chocolate or sweets). As a school we consider our environmental impact and are therefore asking that these lunches are sent into school using a recycled brown paper bag which will be provided for you the day before the trip. This enables all rubbish to be thrown away. Please ensure there is a drink included. This can be accessed throughout the day and should be in your child’s named clear plastic school water bottle (metal bottles are not suitable in school). **For trips only, it is acceptable for this to be juice or squash (no fizzy drinks).**

We will be leaving school by 9.15am and return in time for children to be collected from their classrooms as usual. They will not need any spending money and will not need to bring their book bags to school on the day. The children need to wear school uniform with sensible footwear and a coat appropriate for the day’s weather.

We have negotiated with the coach company to obtain the best price possible. We are asking you for a voluntary contribution of **£13.14** which includes the admission cost and workshops at the castle. We do hope you will recognise this is very good value and hope you will be able to support us with meeting the cost of the trip. ***If you have difficulty in making this payment by the due date, please speak with Mrs Grayson personally, in confidence, as soon as possible.***

PAYMENT by Monday 9th March

Please make your online payment via Arbor **anytime after 1pm today** and no later than 3pm on 9th March. By making the payment, you are giving consent for your child to participate—no separate permission form is required.

PRE-ORDER LUNCH by Friday 6th March

If you would like Dolce to provide a packed lunch, please pre-order this on SchoolGrid as you would usually do a school meal.

If sufficient contributions are not paid, we will have to cancel the trip and return any monies paid. We also need to inform you that should your child not be able to attend for any reason, we are unable to offer a refund as the school will still be charged.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Pip Inche
Year 1 Lead