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**Primary School**

**Thursday 7th March 2024**

**Bumblebee Class – Carisbrooke Castle History Topic *and* Castle Visit**

Dear parents/carers,

We have been learning about some of the history of Carisbrooke Castle in Years 1 and 2, and the Reception children have been exploring the theme of ‘castles’.

On the afternoon of **Thursday 14th March**, we have the Heritage Education Officer, Estelle Baker, visiting us to lead a workshop on 1000 years of a castle’s history. Students will learn about five significant people that lived at Carisbrooke Castle and the impact they had on it. This will be done by taking an active role in re-telling of the story of the castle using replica artefacts and costumes. This session is suitable for Reception and Key Stage 1 children and the voluntary cost will be **£4.20 per child.**

No child will be excluded from this session due to inability to pay, but if insufficient funds are received, the session may not be able to go ahead. Please speak to the school if finances are of a concern.

Following this, on **Thursday 21st March** we have planned a visit to Carisbrooke Castle to explore the castle, the grounds and the museum, and see first hand this wonderful piece of our local history.

We will leave school at 9:30am, travelling by coach, and return by 2:30pm in time for usual home time collection.

The BSA have very generously offered to pay for the coach and the visit to an English Heritage site is free for schools, so there is no cost for the trip.

For the trip to Carisbrooke Castle your child will need:

* School uniform with sensible shoes or trainers. There might be some slippery surfaces if it has rained.
* A waterproof raincoat
* A packed lunch in a named rucksack. ***Even if your child is having a school packed lunch please bring a rucksack to carry it in.***
* A water bottle ***(even if your child is having a school packed lunch, they will still need to bring a water bottle as a drink is no longer provided)***

The school is able to provide a school packed lunch as part of the universal free school meals programme for all Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children. If you would prefer to bring your own, please indicate this on the form below.

Please could you complete and return the reply slip below by: **Wednesday 13th March**

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Cousins

**Bumblebee Class – Carisbrooke Castle**

I do / do not give permission for my child ………………………………. to go to Carisbrooke Castle on **Thursday 21st March.**

I enclose **£4.20** towards the cost of the session / I am paying in instalments / I have paid online (delete as appropriate).

***(Tick as appropriate)***

My child would like a school packed lunch ***Please circle which filling they would like*** ham / cheese / tuna

My child is providing their own packed lunch

Signed…………………………………………………………………………………………………………