

## Dunmow St Mary's Primary School

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Dear Year 5 Parent/Carer

On Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June (first day back after half term) we have booked a whole day's Greek workshop led by "Portals to the Past". All Portal's Greek workshop leaders have appeared in the BBC's "Horrible Histories", many feature films and historical documentaries and work in schools and museums around the country. The cost of the day will be £7 per child. We think this is a very reasonable price for the amount that the children get from the day.

The whole day will be organised by the company and this is a brief outline of the activities:

- An introductory short talk on Greek life and culture
- GREEK QUIZ – Fun Greek facts for the children to discover
- ARCHIMEDES STOMACHION – A Greek puzzle for exercising the mind
- PETTEIA – A Greek strategy game

After lunch (the normal school dinner) a Greek warrior will be demonstrating his weapons and armour, this will be followed by a mini Olympic Games. We will take part in a lesson on democracy and finally the great battle of Gaugamela between Alexander the Great and King Darius will finish their afternoon.

We would like the children to be dressed as Greeks for the day – we do not expect full Spartan armour – a simple bedsheet will do, so please don't worry!

If you have any difficulty providing this, please let us know. We will make sure we have a supply of old sheets – if anybody has some they want to get rid of please send them in to school so that we can make sure everyone has some sort of costume. We would really appreciate it if as many of you as possible could provide some simple costume so the children can fully experience being Greek for a day! We will also be having a special Greek-themed lunch later in the term, where the children will be invited to wear their costumes again.

Here are some examples of simple Greek costumes:



### GREEK BOY'S CLOTHES

An ex- large white adult T shirt will make a good tunic.  
Tie it round the middle with good cord.



In order for this visit to take place, we ask you to make a contribution of £7. Although such a contribution is voluntary, in reality we have no alternative source of funding. One week before the date of the visit/activity the Governors will assess whether sufficient contributions have been received to make the visit/activity financially viable. If it is not considered viable, it will be cancelled and all contributions will be refunded. In cases of financial hardship, any requests for the contribution to be waived will be treated sympathetically, do come and talk to us in confidence if this is the case. As this educational visit/activity is taking place in school hours, we are not permitted by law (Education Act 1996) to exclude from such a visit/activity children of parents choosing not to contribute to the cost. All payments should be made online via [www.scopay.com](http://www.scopay.com). *Please note that permission and costume options can be completed online at the time of payment. If using this method there is no need to return the reply slip at the bottom of this letter.*

We are sure this will be a fun and very educational day.

Nicola Rogers and Rachel Morton

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**YEAR 5 GREEK DAY: Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June**

Name of child ..... Class: .....

I have paid £7 for the cost of the experience online.

Costume – please tick:

I can provide a basic costume

I cannot provide any costume

Signed ..... parent/carer