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**TO: All Year 5 Parents/Carers**

Dear Parents / Carers

**RE: YEAR 5 - GREEK DAY**

On Friday 20 September, Year 5 will be visited by **Portals to the Past**. During the day, the children will learn about the warring city states, the birth of democracy, Greek legends, Alexander the Great and Greek culture.

The morning workshop consists of a short introduction to Greek life and culture, followed by four engaging activities:

- A Greek quiz, with loads of fun Greek facts for the children to discover.
- Archimedes' Stomachion – the oldest known mathematical puzzle.
- Petteia, the Greek strategy game.
- Myths and legends – the children are transported to a Greek theatre where they re-enact Greek myths and legends.

After lunch, the children will demonstrate how the ancient Greeks used their weaponry and armour. They will then explore the differences between the city states of Athens and Sparta, have a lesson in democracy followed by a mini Olympic Games session!

Finally, the children will re-enact The Great Battle of Gaugamela between Alexander the Great and King Darius rounding off an engaging and fun day.

In order to finance this activity, a voluntary contribution of £5.70 is requested. Please pay by **Wednesday 19 September 2024** using our online payment system at [www.scopay.com/boxgrove](http://www.scopay.com/boxgrove). This payment is non refundable. Pupils will not be excluded from the visit because parents are not in a position to contribute, but as we are not able to fund the activity in any other way it will be cancelled unless we cover costs. If you are experiencing financial difficulty, please refer to our Hardship Policy on the school website.

#### **INCIDENTAL PAYMENT**

Rather than keep asking you for "small" amounts of money to cover extra activities i.e., cookery/craft/gardening etc., that the children participate in throughout the year, parents have told us that they preferred making a "one off" payment each September to cover additional year group activities in the classroom.

This is a more efficient way for us to work too and would therefore be grateful if you would make a donation of £10.00 to cover extra incidentals. This payment can be made using our **online System**.

Yours sincerely



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