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Dear Parents/ Carers,

Thank you very much for your responses to the letter that we sent regarding the options available to support the Vikings topic for Year 3 and 4 in the summer term.

From the forms that we have received we have an equal response to each of the options.

Taking all of the responses into account including the fact that some families have indicated that their children would not wish to stay away from home overnight, we have made the decision that the children will not be visiting York. The children will therefore be taking part in a Viking day at Howes led by History Off The Page.

We would also like to address a question raised by a parent about the increase in the voluntary contribution cost for trips. Overnight stays have always incurred a more expensive cost as stated in our charging policy as this pays for accommodation. Local trips have always been supported by the Friends of Howes and this is still the case based on money raised at Friends of Howes events. However, the cost of entry into venues and the cost of the coaches that we use have increased dramatically over the last few years and therefore the request that is made for the voluntary contributions has increased.

Thank you once again for taking the time to complete the form.

Yours Sincerely

Sioux Cooke  
Headteacher

