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Year 4 Tragic Titanic Hook Day and Southampton Sea City Trip

Dear Parents and Carers,

Next half term, the Year 4 children will start their fourth topic of the year: *Tragic Titanic*. The topic will focus on the impact that the Titanic tragedy had on Southampton.

On **Monday 28th February**, to hook the children into the topic, the Year 4 teachers are planning an exciting role play of the sinking of the Titanic and a debate to consider who was at fault for its sinking.

To help immerse Year 4 in the role play, we would like to give them the opportunity to dress up as someone who would have been aboard the Titanic. Here are some images to give you a few ideas:



We hope the children enjoy having the opportunity to dress up. However, if they are unable to wear a costume, this will not prevent them from participating in the many exciting activities that the Year Team have planned for them.

As part of the topic, we would like to take the Year Group on a day trip to The Southampton Sea City Museum. The children have thoroughly enjoyed the trip in the past and it has enhanced their understanding of the key events of the disaster and its impact on Southampton.

Please note that the information below is different from the dates outlined in the recent Year 3 and 4 newsletter. This is due to an unforeseen problem that has arisen linked to the train service which the year group were planning to use to travel to Southampton. I would like to apologise for any confusion or inconvenience this may have caused.

The Year Group will now visit the museum over three days as set out below:

Monday 14th March: 4RD and 4AP

Monday 4th April: 4MD

Tuesday 5th April: 4HW and 4PC

The children will no longer travel as planned to Southampton via train. Instead, each class will be taken by two minibuses, leaving school approximately between 9.00am and 10.00am and returning in time for the end of the school day. As we are returning to school during peak school traffic, please bear with us if the minibuses do not return on time. We will ensure you are kept fully informed if this is the case.

Your child will need a packed lunch in a **labelled carrier bag** for it will be easier to bin rubbish as opposed to carrying lunchboxes. If your child is entitled to a free school meal, then one will be provided. Please equip your child with plenty of water, preferably again in disposable plastic bottles. Your child will need to wear their school uniform. Please also ensure your child has a waterproof coat with them.

We will be asking for a contribution of **£7.45** for this trip to pay for transport and admission to the Sea City Museum. Payments can be made via the school's SCOPAY app. The deadline for the payment contribution will be Friday 11th

In order for the trip to go ahead, we will be looking for up to 2-3 parent helpers per class. **Help for this trip is essential as we are walking around Southampton. Trips for classes without enough helpers will have to be cancelled. Please note that adult helpers cannot be accompanied by young children and they will need to be able to organise their own transport to and from Southampton as the minibuses will only carry 15 children plus school staff.** If you are available to help, we would appreciate you contacting the school office as soon as possible.

Thank you for your support and again apologies for the changes in dates.

Yours sincerely,

Mr E Humphries.

Lower School Leader – Year 3 and 4.