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Dear Parents and Carers,

On **Wednesday 30th January**, the Year 6 children will be taking part in an exciting Mayan Day. We have been extremely lucky to book the 'Portals to the Past' theatre company who will be coming in to host a workshop for the children. Please take a look at the website for more information. <http://portalstothepast.co.uk/>

This rich learning experience will give the children an opportunity to have a hands-on experience and develop their understanding of life in Mayan times. Our visitors will arrive in school in character as Mayans and will deliver workshops for the children, presenting the strategic wargames, learning about the Mayan calendar, the Mayan ball game and how to prepare for a village attack and there are key curriculum points associated with the Mayan civilisation and many more. For this exciting day, the Year will be split into 3 groups. The children will spend a session with the Mayan visitors and then undertake activities with their class teacher. The afternoon will be spent as a whole year group.

I am sure you will agree this will be a unique experience for the children and an excellent opportunity for them to learn about their Mayan topic. If the children wish to come to school dressed in Mayan costume, they are more than welcome to. However, this is not a statutory requirement for the day. Your child may have some 'dress up' Mayan clothing which they will have researched in school prior to the day. If your child does not have any of these, then they can come into school in their usual school uniform.

We are sure you can appreciate that experiences like this don't come cheap! The school are kindly asking for a donation for the amount of £5.00. Without your support we would not be able to book this special event.

We are sure this will be a memorable and enjoyable experience for all the children!

The Year 6 Team