

Hughenden Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers

Y5 History Off the Page - Life in Saxon and Viking Britain - Monday 28 November 2022

In order to complement our study of the Anglo Saxons and Viking topics over Autumn and Spring next year, we have invited History Off the Page to provide a 'Life in Saxon and Viking Britain Day' in the school on Monday 28 November 2022. We are asking for a voluntary contribution of £18.50 to help with the cost of this fabulous day of learning. This can be made via ParentPay or by cash/cheque to the school office

On the day, your child will experience life as it would have been living in the year 878 AD, at the time of the Battle of Edington, using authentic tools and materials whenever possible to learn skills as apprentices in a wide variety of workshops which include: 'wise woman', rune-casting, weaving, scribing, illuminating, pottery, metal-working, candle making and metal cast making. As the day progresses, the children will be immersed in the issues of the time, with the chance to participate in a range of cross-curricular activities.

Please send your child in with their normal lunch and bottle of water for the day, as usual. To help immerse themselves in the experience, we would encourage the children to come to school in a simple costume. Costumes do not have to be fancy – you can do a lot with the clothes you already have!

Here are some ideas:

Tunic or dress: This can be a simple dress for girls or a large T-shirt for boys and girls. Boys can tie a cord around their waist as a belt.

Cloak: A large piece of fabric fastened on the right shoulder with a brooch can be used for boys or girls. Trousers (boys): They can be tucked into long socks or fastened with string or braid crossed around the lower legs.

Headscarf (girls): A piece of fabric to cover the head. Please do not come dressed as a specific person or bring weapons, shields or helmets.

If you have any questions regarding the day, please do not hesitate to get in contact with me.

Kind regards,

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