



# Hughenden Primary School

Enrich - Empower - Ignite

18<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

## **Y5 'Life in Anglo-Saxon and Viking Britain' – Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

In order to complement our historical study of the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings over Autumn and Spring terms, I have invited Dr Jill Eyers, a local geologist and geo-archaeologist, to provide a 'Life in Saxon and Viking Britain Day' in the school on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November. **We are asking for a voluntary contribution of £7.00 to help with the cost of this fabulous day of learning.** Please return your consent form and your contribution via ParentPay or by cash/cheque to the school office by Friday 20 October 2023

On the day, your child will experience life as it would have been living in the Dark Ages, with a focus on

- developing a chronological understanding
- exploring similarities and differences between modern and Anglo-Saxon life
- determining place names and understanding village life
- exploring the concept of 'kingdoms' through role-play
- developing story-telling skills, Anglo-Saxon style
- understanding foraging and the Anglo-Saxon diet (with a food-making activity ... details to follow).

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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Year 5 Class Teacher

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