



# St John's Highbury Vale C of E Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have an exciting day for the Year 4's to look forward to. To complement our study of our History theme this half-term, The Anglo-Saxons, we have invited History Off the Page to provide a 'Life in Saxon Britain Day' in the school on **Friday the 24<sup>th</sup> of September 2021**.

History Off the Page is a company which provides immersive and practical History, Science and Literature workshops to schools. The workshop, which will take place in the school hall during normal school hours and will give us a feeling of what it was like to live during the year 878 AD in Britain.

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. As the day progresses, the children will get involved in the issues of the time, with the chance to participate in a range of cross-curricular activities.

A **simple costume** will help your child feel part of the day. Costumes do not have to be fancy – you can do a lot with 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 bit of fabric to cover the head.

Please do not come dressed as a specific person. Please do not bring weapons, shields or helmets.

We need a number of adult helpers during the day, and we welcome your participation. If you are able to attend, please contact the office or myself on ClassDojo with your availability.

Kind regards,

Miss Havemann

Year 4 class teacher

