

St. John's C of E Primary School



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Dear Parents/Carers,

Viking Workshop

As part of our Vikings topic next term, we will be inviting Jack Quiney from 'Portals to the Past' to St. John's to deliver a whole day Viking Workshop. For this workshop, children are encouraged to come into school dressed as a Viking (pictures and descriptions attached of what this may look like). They may choose to create a part of their costume. This could be a sword, shield, helmet or anything of their choice. It has been lovely to see children's creativity in the past but this is entirely optional.

Important details below:

Date: Tuesday 12th November 2024

Timings: Normal school times

Cost: We are asking for a voluntary £5.50 ParentMail contribution towards this workshop

Brief description of the day:

Portals to the Past aim to combine a mixture of activities, role play, artefacts and fun to bring topics alive for students.

The day will start with the creation of Midgard and who the gods are. The children will be offered wealth, fame and glory if they can prove themselves worthy of doing a raiding party. We begin with a background of the Dane, Norse and Swedes and why raiding was so popular during this time period.

Children will take part in:

- Artefact handling
- Playing Viking Board games – Fox and Geese and Nine Mens Morris
- A Viking Quiz – 8 boards covering various aspects of Viking life and times

The morning will end with Mythology - Retelling of Jack's favourite story, where Thor's hammer has been stolen.

In the afternoon, the children will return to the hall for weapon and armour display. The children will then prepare for raiding by marching in the hall and learning tactics. Upon returning to the hall the children will learn about Dane law and Alfred the Great. The day will conclude with Ragnarok (The fate of the gods).

If you require any further information, please send an email to your child's class teacher.

Many thanks,
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