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Vikings invade Barnes Farm!

Year 4 had a fantastic day on Thursday, when they all dressed up like Vikings and spent the whole day learning about Viking life lead by a facilitator from History Off The Page. In the morning they were part of a Viking village, and made different Viking crafts such as pottery, jewellery and painting. Some children even became 'doctors' and made Viking cures from herbs and plants to heal different ailments. In the afternoon, the fun continued with excavating Viking artifacts, identifying what they were and then surmising from which kind of Viking trade the artifacts came. We then watched as our facilitator made a necklace out of pewter using one of the children's clay pots as a mold. It was fascinating seeing the metal melt and cool again. Well done to Jack Horncastle, whose clay pot was chosen for this and got a pewter necklace of his own to keep! The Year 4 staff would like to thank all the parents who volunteered throughout the day. This fantastic experience couldn't have happened without your help!













4K Class Assembly

On Wednesday, 4K brought this year's round of class assemblies to an end with their assembly based on the Vikings. Once again, the children shone in delivering their lines, reading newspaper reports written in Literacy and showing beautiful Art work on Viking longboats.

The assembly was enjoyed by all who watched it. 4K took us back to 878AD when the Vikings first invaded Britain, looting gold from the monasteries and demanding taxes from the people. It ended with a song in which the audience were encouraged to join.



Well done 4K!



Class Photos

Class Photos were taken last week and copies are available to order at £1 each via ParentPay but **the deadline is TODAY - Friday 12th July**. Photographs will be delivered into school before the end of term.





Year 6 adventures

Pupils in Year 6 have had a busy and exciting week, both here in Chelmsford and further afield. The group who went on the residential trip to the Isle of Wight have engaged in activities including visiting Carisbrooke Castle, surfing, a theatre workshop and show, a boat cruise around the Needles and many more. We look forward to welcoming them back home this afternoon.

The Year 6 pupils who stayed at school have been very busy too, visiting Sandford Mill Museum, building a working radio, cooking and sharing this at a tea with parents and investigating why Chelmsford is the birthplace of radio. They also got a special private tour of and explored the newly-renovated Chelmsford Museum, which is not yet open to the public. This was great fun and extremely interesting and we would encourage all of our pupils to make a visit there in the summer - see their website for more details: <u>https://www.chelmsford.gov.uk/museums/visit/chelmsford-museum/</u>







End of year reports



End of year reports will be available to pick up at school from 3pm on Thursday 18th July. Classrooms will be open early to enable parents to sign for the receipt of the report and children may leave school as soon as reports are collected. Parents of children in Class 3P should access their classroom through the main reception.

As in previous years, if you are not able to pick up the reports at this time, you may nominate someone (not another pupil) **in writing** to

the class teacher. After 3.30pm on Thursday, they can be collected from the office by parents or the nominated person. Should you wish to discuss any aspect of the report with your child's class teacher, please make an appointment with them in person or via the office.

Monday 15th July - Sports Day (morning only)

We are pleased to have been able to reschedule the second part of our rained-off Sports Day for **Monday 15th July between 9-11am**, as previously notified. Children will work together in House Teams (Dragon/Griffin/Pegasus/Phoenix), rotating around the school field to take part in a range of fun activities. A map of the field has been sent as a pdf with this newsletter.



The morning will start as close to 9am as possible and parents are welcome to drop off their children as usual and wait in the playground until all the classes have come out with the chairs for parents and get onto the field (approximately

9.05/9.10am). Please do not enter the field until advised by a member of staff.

Pupils need to wear their PE shorts and a T-shirt of the colour that represents their House (it need not be plain but please do not send in football shirts).

Griffin - Yellow Phoenix - Red

Dragon - Green Pegas

Pegasus - Blue

Please remember to ensure your child has a water bottle, a sun hat and sun cream if necessary. We aim to finish by 11am.

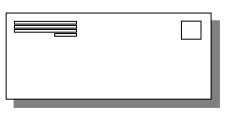
Photographs - Please note that we do not hold permission for all of the pupils at the school to have their photographs taken - so in order to honour these requests, please do not take photographs at this event.



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Government letter for Jonathan



As part of his literacy work at school, Jonathan from Year 5 wrote a letter to the Queen outlining his concerns about climate change and the protection of animal species affected by environmental changes. The response was delegated to the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, who replied

promptly with a detailed letter to Jonathan about the department's plans for tackling the issues raised. Well done to Jonathan for putting his social conscience into action a very fine example of our pupils' general commitment to improve the world around them. A copy of the letter can be found on our website <u>here</u>.

Early-Birds, Night-Owls Junior Club applications welcome!



The Infant school is still accepting any applications for places at the Junior Breakfast and After-school club provision from September 2019 but places are filling up fast. Forms were emailed out to everyone recently.



Traffic notice for Monday 15th July

We have been informed by a local resident that a funeral is taking place on Monday afternoon which will include a procession of cars driving slowly along Henniker Gate from 3pm. We would advise anyone needing to drive to school to collect children to aim to arrive before this time in order to avoid congestion and delays.

Chelmsford Learning Partnership Vacancies

The CLP are recruiting an Operations Manager from September 2019. If you are interested in this position, click <u>here</u> to find out more. Please note that the closing date is TODAY - Friday 12th July.

School Uniform Ordering

New school uniform ready for September can now be ordered through <u>www.myclothing.com</u> which has replaced the Tesco uniform service and operates a 14 day delivery promise as well as 5% cashback directly to our school.







School Games Update

Karate success

Many of our pupils who attend the Karate club which operates out of the school on Tuesdays and Fridays have been successful in achieving new gradings, as follows:

> Riley from Year 3: beginner to 10th kyu Katie from Year 5: beginner to 9th kyu Samuel from Year 3: 9th kyu to 8th kyu Toby from Year 5: 8th kyu to 7th kyu James from Year 5: 7th kyu to 6th kyu Kailen from Year 6: 4th kyu to 3rd kyu brown belt



Congratulations to them on their success. If any other pupils would like to attend the club, the leaders would be happy to talk to you. Please contact Keith Mayhew on keith@aiki-shotokan-karate.co.uk or view the website at aiki-shotokan-karate.co.uk



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Chelmsford's Gotta Dance show

Pupils from across the three Year 5 classes took part in a local school sport partnership dance show on Tuesday at the Civic Theatre in town. They performed their 80s-themed routine perfectly, with energy and great fun, totally engaging the appreciative audience. Well done to all the children who took part - we are very proud of you! Thank you to Miss Cavanagh and Mrs Vickers for helping them prepare for the show and for accompanying them at the theatre.





Essex Art Showcase

The banners and other individual art work from pupils in the school are now being displayed in the High Chelmer shopping centre please go and admire our pupils' talents!





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