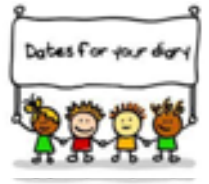


# HAPPY NEW YEAR



I hope that you all had a lovely Christmas and that 2024 has started well for you.

**Viking Day** We are really looking forward to welcoming a Viking Visitor next **Wednesday (please note the day change)** who will spend time in each class teaching the children about what life was like in Viking times. As detailed in earlier letters we would like the children to come to school dressed as Vikings and whilst I appreciate that not all of us have handy Viking outfits just laying about at home, we thought it would be nice to get into character.

**PE** In response to parental views in the Autumn term regarding provision of sports/games activities we have made the decision to employ the services of 'Total Sports' who will be in school on Mondays and Thursdays for the remainder of the year. The coaches are all qualified teachers with a background in teaching PE so we are well supported by them. Pupils in Y4, 5 and 6 will continue to alternate between swimming sessions and PE sessions on Mondays and will need to come to school on Mondays dressed in PE kit. Pupils in R, Y1, 2, 3 and 4 will need to come to school in PE kits on Mondays and

Thursdays. Please make sure that the pupils bring lots of layers to keep them warm as they will be outside as much as possible. Thank you. Visit <https://www.totalsportslimited.co.uk/> for more information.



8 Jan - CPD day
9 Jan - Return to school
17 Jan - Drama Day
24 Jan - Core Subject Night 4 - 5.30pm
7 Feb - Parent Pop-In
8 Feb - Sharing assembly 3pm
9 Feb - Break up
19 Feb - Return to school

**Core Subject Information Night** We would like to invite you to come along on Wednesday 24th January from 4 - 5.30pm to have an informal session with the teaching staff during which they will explain how we teach the core subjects of English and maths. There will be some practical activities for you to take part in, but please don't let that put you off! This session will take place in the hall and we will explain how the teaching and content of each subject progresses as the children get older.

**Parent Pop-Ins** We would also like to invite you to come along to our first Parent Pop In session which will be from 3pm - 4pm on Wednesday 7th February. This is a chance for you to spend some time with your child in the hall looking at their work. You do not need to book, just come along!

**And finally...** Attendance for last half term was lower than national average with a whole school, total average attendance for the half term from 6th November - 22nd December of **91.6%** I am keen to see an improvement over the coming half term and get us back to attendance levels that we had in the first half term of the school year of **95.7%**

Our whole school theme next half term is 'Vikings and Anglo-Saxons'