

9th June 2023

Dear Parent/ Carer,

**YEAR FIVE – Viking Day 30<sup>th</sup> June**

As part of our history topic all about the Vikings, we have arranged a very special 'Viking Day' in Year Five on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June. We will have a visit from the company Gripping History, who will help to run a wide range of activities to expand and deepen the children's knowledge of the Vikings and their historical skills.

Year Five will learn all about who the Vikings were, where they came from, and what they looked like. They will explore the various trades and skills the Vikings had, the bartering system, runes and rune stones, and how archaeologists uncover and interpret artefacts. They will also learn about Viking weaponry, including archery, and have a go at some drills.

The children are invited to come to school dressed in Viking clothing. Please find some suggestions attached which explain how a costume can be made with items you already have at home.



We are also pleased to confirm that this event will be **FREE**. In previous years we have had to ask for a voluntary contribution of £3.00 towards the cost of the Gripping History company visit. This year, as part of their ongoing fundraising and support to enhance, enrich and improve learning experiences for all pupils, our fantastic PTA will be funding this event for every Year Five pupil. We thank them for their support and opportunities they continue to provide for our students.

If you would like to join our PTA team, any spare time that you might have available to help would be greatly appreciated. Complete the Expression of Interest form [here](#), the school office on 01480 475972 or email [crosshallpta@crosshalljunior.co.uk](mailto:crosshallpta@crosshalljunior.co.uk) for more details.

Yours sincerely,

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