



Little Gaddesden C of E Primary School

Headteacher: Lorna Elkes

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Dear Parent / Carers,

Welcome back to all our year groups. I have been delighted to finally meet pupils from all year groups. Both the children returning and those who have already been at school are managing the new expectations and regimes incredibly well. Thank you also to you, as parents, for adhering to our guidance and using the directed entrances and exits to the school site.

Now that we are able to provide some in-school learning for all pupils, my intention is that these arrangements remain in place for the final two weeks of this term.

Reception pupils - Tuesday - Friday arrive 9:30am and depart 2:30pm via front gate
Year 1 - Monday - Thursday arrive 9:00am and depart 3:00pm via front gate
Year 2 - Monday - Thursday arrive 9:00am and depart 3:00pm via rear gate
Year 3 - Wednesday & Thursday arrive 9:15am and depart 3:15pm via rear gate
Year 4 - Monday & Tuesday arrive 9:15am and depart 3:15pm via rear gate
Year 5 - Monday & Tuesday arrive 9:15am and depart 3:15pm via front gate
Year 6 - Thursday & Friday arrive 9:15am and depart 3:15pm via front gate
Key worker pupils Monday - Friday arrive 8:50am and depart 3:15pm via front door

Siblings should arrive at the same time as the youngest pupil in the family.

If your child has not yet been able to return to school and you would like to discuss this further, please do contact the school office.

No doubt you will be aware that, today, the DfE have released Guidance for full opening of schools which will be applicable from September. Once we have reviewed this document thoroughly I will share what this will mean for our pupils when they return in the Autumn Term.

Class 4 have been using G-suite to produce some great presentations about the Vikings. Thanks to Matthew, Molly, Eilidh and Josh F for these snippets:

Who were the Vikings?



Vikings were the Norse people from southern Scandinavia (in present-day Denmark, Norway and Sweden) who from the late 8th to late 11th centuries raided and traded from their Northern European homelands across wide areas of Europe, and explored westwards to Iceland, Greenland, and Vinland. While the term viking historically referred to an activity undertaken by Norsemen, cognate with Normans, in modern English and other vernaculars, the term viking also commonly includes the inhabitants of Norse home communities during this period. This period of Nordic military, mercantile and demographic expansion had a profound impact on the early medieval history of Scandinavia, the British Isles, France, Estonia, Kievan Rus' and Sicily.

The vikings



Where did they come from?

The Vikings originated from countries such as Scandinavia which you and I know it as Norway, Sweden and Denmark. The vikings soon grew out of this land and set sailed for new territory, is when the famous longboat came into use.



When did the vikings arrive in Britain?



The vikings first arrived in Britain in AD 787. They came to Britain looking for lucrative new items to steal and trade. In addition to this they wanted land that they could take and claim as their own. The vikings particularly liked to raid monasteries, like the one at Lindisfame. The monasteries weren't very well protected and contained valuable goods such as: gold, jewels, imported foods and other useful materials. The vikings also stole manuscripts and bibles that they later sold back to the religious leaders who could not bear to see them lost or damaged.

What did Vikings wear in battle?

Vikings did not wear much armour. Chainmail was chain mail, made of iron rings and some Vikings only wore wolf or bear skin! These Vikings were called berserkers. Some Vikings wore sewn together armour plates. This was called lamellar.



What did Vikings eat?

Vikings ate fruit and vegetables, and kept animals for meat, milk, cheese, butter and eggs. They ate plenty of fish as they lived near the sea. Bread was made by grinding up grains with a tool called a quern.



Best wishes

Lorna Elkes
Headteacher