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Dear Parents and Carers,

In 410 AD, the Saxons crossed the North Sea, naming 'Angleland' their home. They were fearsome warriors although their most famous leader – **Alfred the Great** – gained respect in other ways...

On **Monday 4th December**, Year 5 will receive a video call from Alfred the Great, the most famous Saxon cyning (king) who ever lived.

He will tell the children all about:

- His childhood experiences (such as meeting the Pope) and how these have shaped his Christian beliefs
- The battle of Edington where Alfred defeated Guthrum in 878
- The Saxon kingdoms and why Wessex, is the greatest of them all
- How his son Edward's love for fighting might ruin all of his peace-making to date...
- How art, music, story-telling and feasting make being king of the Anglo-Saxon's the best job in the world!

This will be a live, interactive performance followed by Q&A.

To run the session, we are asking for a voluntary contribution of **£1** per child to be paid via ParentMail by 1st December 2023.

Many thanks in advance,

Mrs Dack