Just to let you know...

This week in English we have been finishing off our holiday postcards and looking at the features of non-fiction texts. The children are beginning to put together a fact file all about the Celts and have a special focus area to research, next week.

Spellings of the Week

Flint, coach, fire, building, jewellery, ring, torc, metal, chalk, clunching, daub, spinning, Butser, Celts, wattle, Roundhouse, animals.

Dear Parents,

We will be starting our group reading sessions next Friday (21st) and would love to have helpers to read with the children. If you are available between 9:30 and 10:15 every Friday, then it would be fantastic to have you join us. Please contact any of the Year 4 team if you are able to help.

We are looking forward to meeting you all next Thursday (20th) for curriculum evening.

Best wishes,
Mel, Nick and Julia.

We have had a great week launching our Invaders topic; this half term we will be focusing on the Celts. The children have been designing and making Celtic costumes as well as using Celtic lettering to create some beautiful writing.

Reminder: We will be heading to Butser next week on Thursday 20th, please can you return consent forms before then.

The children will need a **very simple** costume that is warm and comfortable for our visit. Dark trousers and top for boys with a shawl or blanket tied round their shoulders and a dark skirt/trousers or tunic with a shawl or blanket for the girls. Please do not make too much effort! The children will be outdoors all day participating in a wide variety of exciting, but messy activities.

Please could you hear your children read **three times a week** and sign in their reading records. We will be checking and signing these on a weekly basis.

In maths this week we have been focusing on place value. Pupils have been using dice to generate three/four digits and decimal numbers then partitioning them to show they understand each digit's place value.

The children have also been enjoying practising their mental mathematics by playing a number of maths games. Why don't you challenge your child to a round of tables tennis!