



# Lyminster Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

## Welcome back to Lyminster and a warm welcome to Year 6.

The children have already settled in well to their new school routines and in to Year 6. We are very pleased to welcome them back and are really looking forward to this term.

### Your child's Year 6 staff are:

Mrs Williams – Class Teacher  
Mrs Slimm – Class Support Assistant  
Mrs Carty – Class Support Assistant (mornings)  
Mrs Yarrow – Intervention support  
Mrs Shah – Mathematics Specialist Teacher  
Mrs Osborne – P.P.A. teacher every Thursday morning

### Topic – Beowulf The Brave and The Awesome Anglo-Saxons!

This half-term, Year 6 will be learning all about the life of the Anglo-Saxons, in particular village life, arts and crafts, important dates, events and key people. Much of our English work this half term will be centred around this story; we will be studying the Michael Morpurgo version. We begin the topic with our visit **on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September** to Butser Ancient Farm, to further inspire and engage the children in our topic.

### Dates for the diary in Autumn 1:

- **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September** – first day of Autumn term
- **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September** – Years 5 & 6 Trip to Butser Ancient Farm
- **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September** – Rockstar Day
- **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September** – Jeans for Genes day (non-uniform for a donation)
- **Week commencing 2<sup>nd</sup> October** – Bikeability
- **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October** – Harvest Festival – all welcome
- **Week commencing 16<sup>th</sup> October** - Anti-bullying/Personal Development Week
- **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October** – Sports Day
- **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October** – HALF TERM
- **Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October** – first day of Autumn 2- TRIP TO HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT
- **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December** – last day of Autumn term

### Key Information and polite reminders:

- **School mornings:** Year 6 come straight into class for **8.40am**. The exception to this will be **Fridays** when all staff have a business meeting. Children should then wait by the classroom door and they will be let in at **8.50am**.
- **P.E. Kits - Full P.E. kit** (this includes trainers, school footwear is not suitable) needs to be worn to school every **Monday** and **Wednesday**. Please ensure that children have appropriate clothing for all weather types – jogging bottoms are acceptable but must be black or grey. Children with earrings need them taken out on the day of P.E. or to have taped them up. Hair must be tied back to participate.



- Please ensure your child has their jumper or cardigan and a waterproof coat with them as we are actively encouraging outside play whatever the weather. Some class time may also be spent outside whilst the weather is fine. They also need their own water bottle in school EVERY day. All items MUST be labelled with the child's name to prevent them being lost.

- **Reading at home**

Your child should have come home with a new 'reading for pleasure' book by now. As part of their homework, it is expected that they read at home every day. Please provide your support by ensuring your child reads regularly at home. Our reading focus this half term is summarising the key points from a text. What is the theme of the text they are reading? Does this link with any other books that they have read? Can they tell you what their book is about, focussing on the key events, surprises or turning points in the story?

- **Homework**

**Spellings** Your child will be given fortnightly spelling lists to practise using whatever method they wish at home and/or the 'Look, Say, Cover, Write, Check' method. Spellings will have a focus on the Year 5 and 6 words and spelling patterns. Spelling homework and expectations will be differentiated to suit your child.

**Mental Magicians** We ask that your child continues to practise their Mental Magician objective - times tables - this is the one carried on from Year 5. Please use the following link for tips on how you can support your child with this: [www.lyminster.w-sussex.sch.uk/parents-hub/curriculum/maths](http://www.lyminster.w-sussex.sch.uk/parents-hub/curriculum/maths). Remember, they can use TT Rockstars to help practise them.

**English** Your child will be set an English task every Thursday, due by the following Thursday. These may be comprehension based, or linked to the grammar that we have been studying in class that week.

- **Letters**

Please remember that we are now a paperless school and e-mails are sent out on a regular basis. For those who have not provided an email address, we will provide paper copies. As ever, copies of any mislaid letters can be obtained from the office.

- **Handwriting**

Following on from Year 5, we will continue to focus on presentation and handwriting in every lesson. With this in mind, please be reminded that your child still has free access to our handwriting website: <https://www.letterjoin.co.uk>. The username is **ak3814** and the password is **home**. This website can be used to practise individual letters or blends of letters that your child may find tricky to join.

**Please encourage your child to use the same standard of presentation in their homework as they do in class and to use a blue or black pen.**

We are looking forward to our first half term this academic year, with lots of exciting learning taking place. We will be focussing on encouraging independence and the children are really looking forward to taking on more responsibilities in school.

As always, if there are any worries or concerns, or you just want to check how your child is getting on, please do not hesitate to contact me. I am available via email, [dwilliams106@lyminster.w-sussex.sch.uk](mailto:dwilliams106@lyminster.w-sussex.sch.uk), from 8.30 - 5pm Monday – Friday. If you would like to meet in person, please either call or email the office and I will endeavour to see you as soon as I can.

Kind regards,

Mrs Danielle Williams

Year 6 Teacher and Key Stage 2 Leader