



Lyminster Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back and I hope you had a good half term break- I think it was much needed!

A reminder that our first day back after half term is our trip to The Houses of Parliament, please ensure that you have read all communication regarding this and have signed the consent for your child.

Year 6 will be moving on to the topic of **The Vikings**, using Viking Boy, by Tony Bradman as our whole class text. This follows on beautifully from the Anglo-Saxon topic! The children will gain a better sense of chronology to know who came after who on a history timeline. We will be doing reading and writing linked to this topic. Please feel free to enhance this by learning with them at home or allowing them to do their own research, watch videos etc. It is an exciting time in history! We will have a Viking Day...date to be confirmed.

Following our trip there will be a brief focus on **Democracy** where we will be discussing what democracy is exactly and be linking it to our topic but also to subjects that are relevant to the children. This will feed into our English work – speaking and listening, reading and writing.

Key Diary Dates:

- **Monday 30th October** – Trip to the Houses of Parliament – please see previous communication
- **Monday 30th October** - Parents Evening bookings open. Book online. Please go into or contact the office if you have any issues
- **Wednesday 15th & Thursday 16th November** – Parents evening (more details regarding booking to follow)
- **Friday 8th December** – Christmas Jumper Day in aid of Save the Children
- **Tuesday 12th December, 2pm & 6.30pm** - KS2 Carol Concert – dates and detail to be confirmed
- **Friday 15th December** – Last day of term
- **Wednesday 3rd January** – Back to school

Things to remember:

- PE is continuing on a **Monday and Wednesday**; therefore, they will need to wear their PE kit for the day. We are more than happy for children to wear joggers and sweatshirts as it can get cold now out on the playground. School uniform PE kits only.
- A reminder that we are now a paperless school wherein letters are emailed; it is vital you check your emails on a regular basis. For those who have not provided an email address, we will provide paper copies.
- 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 when the weather is fine. It is ESSENTIAL they have their own water bottle in school EVERY day. Please ensure that all uniform and equipment is labelled.
- Children are expected to read EVERY DAY. Please read with your child or discuss with them what they are reading. You can still read to them, share the reading or they read to you. Pose questions to





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them about what they have understood to assist them with their comprehension skills. Never underestimate what a huge difference this makes to their overall learning and progress.

- **Homework**

Homework will continue to be set in class (spellings and timestables) every week. It is crucial that your child completes their homework, please speak to me if there are any issues with this. Homework books need to be in school every Thursday.

- Children are asked to read every day and to read an age-appropriate book. They may read a book from home, or one chosen in school.
- Spellings will be stuck into their homework books and Year 6 will have a new list every week.
- Maths homework will be set each week, and the children will be completing pages in their **White Rose Maths Practice Journal**.
- Other homework will comprise of reading comprehensions and grammar practice.

Handwriting and presentation are very important in Year 6 and children are reminded of that. With this in mind, remember that you and your child have free access to our handwriting website if you feel it may benefit your child: <https://www.letterjoin.co.uk>. The username is **ak3814** and the password is **home**.

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 email me – dwilliams106@lyminster.w-sussex.sch.uk – and I will endeavour to reply between 8.30 – 5pm Monday to Friday.

Kindest regards,

Mrs D Williams
Year 6 Teacher and Key Stage 2 Leader

