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Dear Parents/Carers,

We can’t believe a whole half term has been and gone already! Overall, the children have settled well into Upper Phase. We are continuing to work hard on the skills of concentration, independence and having a growth mind-set plus a real focus on teamwork and being kind to others, particularly at break times.

**Thank you!**

For all your support with homework. Most children are now accessing MyMaths on time and have been reviewing the activities in class to support their learning. It is also lovely to hear about the reading the children are doing and we look forward to seeing how many certificates we can collect as a whole class!

**Topic – The Vikings**

This half-term, we will be learning all about these invaders. This follows on beautifully from the Anglo-Saxon topic (which followed on nicely from the Romans in Year 4!) This all gives the children 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…to be confirmed.

**Key Dates and Things to Remember**

* **Monday 3rd November –** Autumn 2 begins
* **Monday 3rd November -** Parents Evening bookings open. Book online. Please go into or contact the office if you have any issues
* **Wednesday 12th November –** Parents evening 3:30-6.30pm
* **Thursday 14th November –** Parents evening 3:30-5:00pm
* **Friday 28th November –** INSET DAY – school closed for pupils
* **Wednesday 3rd December –** School Panto
* **Friday 5th December -** KS1 nativity dress rehearsal to KS2
* **Wednesday 10th December –** Christmas Fayre from 3.30pm - more information to come
* **Thursday 11th December –** Christmas Jumper Day, full non-uniform
* **Thursday 18th December –** KS2 Carol Concert 2:30 & 6pm, all children are expected to attend both concerts
* **Friday 19th December –** Last day of term

**Key Information and Polite Reminders:**

**School mornings:** Year 5will still be coming straight into class for a **8.40am prompt start**. The exception to this will still 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. The children have settled to this routine very well, coming into class calmly and working on practising key skills and completing other activities.

**P.E. Kits**

**Please** would you ensure your child continues to wear PE kit in school every **Tuesday** and **Fr**i**day**. As the winter weather approaches, children may need warmer PE kits- these should be black or grey jogging bottoms and their PE hoodie. Children with earrings **taken out or taped on the day of P.E**.

**Reading and homework:**

**Our reading focus this half term is:** ‘Understanding’ Checking that a text makes sense to them, discussing their understanding and exploring the meaning of words in context.When you read with your child, focus on any unknown words and how they might try to guess their meaning through what the text says around that word.

**Homework** remains the same: Reading at least 4 times per week with an adult, practising spellings given or particular ones for your child, Mental Magicians. If your child doesn’t have their book, they are told to write their name on it and put it in their bag.

**Handwriting** We will continue to focus on general presentation and handwriting in every lesson. 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.** Writing should be in a black or blue pen. Drawing in pencil. Many thanks with your support in this.

Other dates to be confirmed such as any other Christmas arrangements. Also, please see Mr McGinley’s weekly email with any events and dates on.

As ever, thank you for all your support. Finally, please do come and see us if you have any questions or concerns. You are always welcome to email the office or *ejohnston28@lyminster.w-sussex.sch.uk*and we will respond to you as soon as possible.

Kind Regards,

The Year 5 team