Dear Parents/Carers,



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

Year 6 will be continuing with the topic of **Democracy,** following on from their learning about Guy Fawkes and the gunpowder plot. We will be discussing what democracy is exactly, 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 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

**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 them about what they have understood to assist them with their comprehension skills. Never under-estimate what a huge difference this makes to their overall learning and progress.
* **Homework**

Homework will continue to be set in class every **Thursday**. 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 this on the online platform MyMaths. Their log ins are in their homework books.
* 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. 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