# LEOMINSTER PRIMARY SCHOOL YEAR 6 AUTUMN TERM NEWSLETTER



## A warm welcome to Year 6!

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to year 6!

I hope you have had a restful break and are ready for all the new learning and challenges this year will bring.

The year 6 team consists of: Mrs Soper (6S), Mrs Fletcher (6F) and Mrs Cresswell (6C). Mrs Quarrel will be providing PPA cover for the classes. Our teaching assistant is Mrs Farmer. Our aim is to give the children every chance to develop mentally and socially, becoming independent and enthusiastic learners.

If at any time during the year your child has any problems or worries, please encourage them to see their class teacher or myself. We will be more than happy to discuss any concerns you may have regarding your child. Appointments can be made via the office.

### Curriculum this term:

It is a very busy term with a number of changes and a lot to look forward to. We have many things planned for the children and parents and there will be a range of extra-curricular clubs on offer.

The children are exploring stories with historical settings in **English** and later in the term we will focus on a range of narrative topics.

In **Mathematics** this term, we will be following the objectives outlined in the National Curriculum.

 $https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\_data/file/335158/PRIMARY\_national\_curriculum\_-\_Mathematics\_220714.pdf$ 

Our **Science** topic for the first half of the term is Light. We will be looking at different sources of light and how they are used. Later in the term we will be exploring electricity and its uses.

This term's focus for topic is **History** and we will be learning about WWII. Every week the children will have guided reading, SPaG - spelling, punctuation and grammar, RE, PSHE, French, Computing and collective worship (daily).

Any books, artefacts or information the children are able to bring into school would be very much appreciated.

## Special Events and News

On Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September year 6 children will be visiting Bircher Common. They will be walking through woodland and considering the landscape. We will leave at 9:00am and return at 3pm. Children will need to wear sensible walking shoes, their school sweatshirt with sensible trousers (joggers would be ideal), a waterproof coat and a picnic with drink.

## Parental Meetings

On Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September we will be holding the first of our SATs meetings.

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible.

#### Reminders:

<u>Reading:</u> Please try to read with your children as regularly as possible. We ask children to read every evening, Monday - Thursday and record it in their reading record. It is extremely important for your child to be a fluent reader in preparation for the SATs.

<u>Games and PE</u>: Children will need winter kit (joggers and sweatshirt) for games as well a purple t-shirt, shorts and trainers for PE. Please ensure that <u>all uniform</u> is clearly labelled with your child's name.

If your child is asthmatic please could you ensure that they have an inhaler, labelled with their name, in school at all times!

As many of you already know, we are a healthy eating school and would like to remind you that children should only bring in fruit or vegetables to eat at break times. It is also very important that children have a water bottle in school - we strongly encourage children to drink plenty of water throughout the day (no squash please). Water helps keep them hydrated but also improves their levels of concentration and learning.

# Reading Support

The school welcomes support from parents. If you have a few hours to spare and would like to hear children read, contact the office and they will be able to arrange this with year groups across the school.

| Dates:                              |  |  |  |  |
|-------------------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> September   | Bircher Trip (return 3:00pm)                                     |  |  |  |
| Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> September | SATs meeting (6:00pm)  |  |  |  |
| Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September   | EMC Transition Day   |  |  |  |
| Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> October      | Wear What You Like (donations for school bingo)                  |  |  |  |
| Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October     | Wear What You Like (donations for school Air Ambulance)          |  |  |  |
| Half Term                           |  |  |  |  |
| Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> November  | Parents' Evening 3:45 - 5:30pm                                   |  |  |  |
| Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> November   | Parents' Evening 5:00 - 7:00pm                                   |  |  |  |
| Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> November     | Wear What You Like (donations for secret Santa)                  |  |  |  |
| Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> December     | Christmas Crafts morning   |  |  |  |
| Friday 20th December                | Last day of term   |  |  |  |
|                                     | (Children return to school on Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> January) |  |  |  |