

WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL

SOUTHBOURNE JUNIOR SCHOOL

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Dear parents, carers and children,

Welcome to Year 6! We are so excited to welcome you back to school!

Our first learning journey is **'How healthy are we?'** Details of learning across all subjects can be seen on our learning grid. Here are a few key pieces of information for Year 6:

Please, please, please encourage your child to read every day! This can be their school library book, a book from home, comics, information books, recipes - anything that involves reading. Every time your child reads to you, or with you, or has a conversation with you about what they have read, please sign their reading record. Every time your child reads - with an adult - 25 times, they will earn a dojo.

Homework will consist of daily reading (see above) plus a set of arithmetic questions and a set of grammar questions a week. **All children are expected to complete all homework**, which is closely tied to learning in class, and which is discussed as part of our learning journey. Across the school, homework will be sent home each Monday and will be marked in class the following Monday. Reading records will also be checked on a Monday.

Year 6 PE days are Wednesday and Friday: children must have their PE kit in school all week. A reminder that the correct kit should be provided: white t-shirt with school logo (or plain white t-shirt), navy blue shorts, jogging bottoms or leggings, and trainers. **Children with pierced ears should not wear earrings on Wednesdays and Fridays: if they do, they will be asked to remove them or cover them with micropore tape.**

This half term's dates which relate specifically to Year 6:

Monday 7th September: Workshop for Year 6 run by South Downs National Park

Tuesday 8th: Eagle class to Bourne Community College for STEM session

Wednesday 9th September: Welcome meeting for parents - 3:30 and 4:15pm

Wednesday 9 September: Hindleap Warren meeting for parents immediately after the second welcome meeting - approximately 4.45pm

Tuesday 15th September: Buzzard class to Bourne Community College for STEM session

Monday 5th - Friday 9th October: Residential trip to Hindleap Warren

Tuesday 20th October: Eagle class to Bourne Community College for STEM session

Please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you for your support - here's to a fantastic year!

Mr Harper (Buzzard) and Mrs Hodgson (Eagle)

