# Lynch Hill School September 2020

Aím hígh, work hard, care deeply



# Foreword from Mrs Tomlinson

I cannot wait to welcome you all in September and hope that it will be the start of a school year filled with amazing opportunities, new challenges and endless fun.

Each day, I feel very grateful and extremely proud that I am the Headteacher of this school: a school where our vision is to 'Aim High, Work Hard and Care Deeply'. It is important to know that this isn't just an expectation for the pupils, every adult in the school has to do this too. If we are all aiming high, working hard and caring deeply, then Lynch Hill School is a place where anything is possible, where targeted outcomes are achieved and the support and commitment is there to enable everyone to develop, to grow and to experience what success feels like.

I want this new school year to be a year where you make the most of all that is on offer at Lynch Hill, where you are able to embrace challenge and one where you feel brave enough to try new things. You are not alone; we are on this journey together.

## A Welcome to Year 6

Welcome to Year 6!

I bet you're thinking that it doesn't seem two minutes since you were starting in reception and now, here you are, embarking on your final year at primary School. Year 6 is a challenging year; the best way to describe it is like a roller coaster ride - a lot of highs and a few lows! In year 6 we have the dreaded SATs and we all work really hard to ensure that you have the best opportunity possible to achieve your full potential. However, we also try to ensure that we have fun along the way and provide you with some lovely, long-lasting memories.

We, as a year group, want to ensure that you reach your full potential, emotionally, socially and academically and we feel that this is best achieved when we all work to the best of our ability. To have a successful year, we ask that you complete all homework, listen attentively in lessons and always come to school prepared. You are a fabulous year group and this is the time to show it!

#### Mrs Tomlinson





Mr Jones

Mrs Poole

YEAR 6 STAFF





Mrs Das







Miss Pooley



# Introduction to Miss Pooley - 6P

Hey all! Most of you should already know me from music lessons and singing assemblies, however, for those of you who don't, I'm Miss Pooley! I have been working in Lynch Hill for 12 years (wow, that is a long time!) and I have taught in all year groups across the school. Year 6 has to be my favourite though!

So, what can I tell you about me that you might not already know? I play the flute, the piano and guitar, I love fairground rides and fast cars. I speak Spanish and love to visit my friends in Spain. My favourite food is seafood, especially prawns and crab. Oh, and pizza! I love a Dominoes on a Friday night!

My motto: WORK HARD, PLAY HARD. This means that in 6P, I expect you to work hard and be the best that you can be - if you can do this, then we can have lots of fun along the way! I can't wait to meet you all. See you in September!



# Introduction to Mrs Schoeman - 6S

Hello year 6! My name is Mrs Schoeman and I am looking forward to meeting you all. I have worked at Lynch Hill for 6 years and I love it! Before that I worked in another school in Slough and before that in South Africa - where I am from.

Books are my bag - I love reading and when I am not teaching, then you'll find me reading or walking my dog Jonty. Do you like reading?

I also like to travel and have explored a few countries in Africa and Europe, I have ridden a camel and swam with dolphins in the wild!



# Introduction to Mr Jones - 6J

Hi! I am Mr Jones and I have been teaching at Lynch Hill for over three years. I have enjoyed every minute of it and can not wait to meet my new class and start on another adventure.

Originally, I am from Wales, which in my humble opinion is an even better country than England :p. When I am not in school, I like to swim and watch football, especially the greatest team in the world, Arsenal.

I like to think that I have a good sense of humour and want everyone in my class to enjoy their time in school (that doesn't mean we don't work hard though).



# Introduction to Mrs Bose - 6D

Hello all, I am Mrs Bose and I have been in Lynch Hill for the past four years. I live in Reading and love gardening and travelling. I have travelled to many countries.

I can ride a motor bike and have flown a helicopter. I was born in this country but went back to India with my parents when I was little. I came back to the UK twenty years ago! My favourite food is Chicken Noodles and I like watching films and cricket in my free time.

I have been chased by a dog when I was 10 years old and had my hair pulled by a monkey in a zoo when I was 6!!

I like to have fun as well as work hard and expect the same from you. I am looking forward to having a great year with you all.





# Introduction to Mrs Das - 6D

Hi Year 6, I am sure most of you have spoken to me or know me as I have been at Lynch Hill long before you joined the school. However, you may not know about my likes and hobbies. So here is a little insight about me.

Apart from being a class teacher for some, a Maths or English teacher for others, I am also your Year Leader. In addition, I work very closely with Mrs Tomlinson in raising standards for learning, managing behaviour and safety at our school and most importantly caring deeply about your well-being in my role as the Deputy Head.

Becoming a teacher, is a dream come true for me. I absolutely love teaching, spending time with children, listening to their many stories and guiding them to solve problems that they might face. Working hard, being fair and listening to both sides of a story are very important to me.

Without a question my favourite subject is Science (I am actually a Microbiologist by qualification). Maths is another subject that I have fallen in love with since becoming a teacher. My favourite pass time is to cook. Not only do I love to explore different cuisines but also cook them in my kitchen.

This is a little something about me and now I want to learn about you, your personalities, your dreams, your wishes and I want to help you get ready for the next big step - secondary education.

So Cohort of 2020-21, welcome to Year 6!

# 10 Fun facts about Year 6

- 1. At the start of the year you can apply for different roles around the school which include; peer mentor, prefect, sport council member, young ambassador and school council member.
- 2. Year 6 pupils can have the use of a locker.
- 3. This is your last year in Primary School try and make the most of it by joining a club or auditioning for the end of year production.
- 4. You will no longer be awarded with bonus points. Now that you are in Year 6, you will be given credits. These can be traded for many wonderful things at the end of each term.
- 5. We go to Chessington World of Adventures for our end of year trip and you get to choose your own groups!
- 6. We perform a Year 6 production in July we open the school one evening and invite all of your parents/family to come and watch.
- 7. We have a PROM you all have the opportunity to dress up and enjoy some final moments together before you move onto Secondary School.
- 8. You will receive prizes at the end of the school year in a very special Prize Giving assem<mark>bly.</mark>
- 9. You get the opportunity to order a leavers hoodie and sign your tee-shirts on the final day.
- 10. Year 6 will be what you make it to be!

# Our Classrooms and our unit

You will be able to see your classroom in the Y6 Teacher videos which will be published very soon. Below is a photo of our shared area.



Some of your lessons will take place in your home classrooms, but you may be in different Year 6 classrooms for Maths, English and Spellings.

IPC and Art lessons will take place upstairs in Mr Joe's room.

# Equipment

#### Pencil Cases

- Three pencils
- Rubber
- Pencil sharpener
- Glue stick
- Colouring pencils
- 30cm ruler
- Whiteboard pens
- Highlighter
- Handwriting pen (if applicable)

#### PE Kits

- A plain or school yellow T shirt, black shorts, black leggings and a change of trainers for outdoor games.
- Black or grey tracksuit for outdoor games.
- A dark waterproof sports jacket is advisable for KS2 children, who are expected to participate in outdoor PE in all weathers.
- Swimming kit (yr3) plain black or grey swimsuit / trunks, swimming hat and goggles.

### Homework

- Maths Tuesday & Thursday, completed for the following day
- English Monday & Wednesday, completed of the following day
- Reading 20 minutes every night and reading record signed by an adult
- Spellings Between 5 and 10 spellings every night, written out in neat, cursive handwriting, 5 times.
- HALF TERM PROJECTS: Every half term you will be set homework projects, usually relating to IPC or Science learning. You will also be set Active Movement tasks and have tasks to complete on DB Primary.

# The school day

#### A rough timetable of the lessons taught throughout the week.

	8:50 - 9:50	09:50- 10:05	10:05 10:20	10:20-11:30	11:30 - 12:45		12:45 - 1:30	1:30 - 2:00	2:00 - 3:00
Monday	6D -PE 6S-ICT 6P - Science 6J - Topic	Thought for the week	Break	Maths Fluency and Mastery	English Spelling & Writing		L	Arithmetic Groups	6 <mark>D - PSHE</mark> 6 <mark>S - PE</mark> 6P - Art 6J - Science
Tuesday	6D - ICT 6S - PE 6P - Topic 6J - Science	Class Book Read	Break	Maths Fluency and Mastery	English Spelling & Writing		U	6D - French 6S - Science 6P- French 6J - French	6D - Art 6S- Science 6P - PE 6J- PSHE
Wednesday	6D - Science 6S - Topic 6P - ICT 6J - PE	RE	Break	Maths Mastery 1020 - 1120	English Writing 1120 - 1220	Y5&6 Assembly 1220-1245	N	6D - Science 6S - French 6P- Science 6J - Science	6D - PE 6S- PSHE 6P - Science 6J - Art
Thursday	6D - Writing 6S -Science 6P -Writing 6J - ICT	RE	Break	Maths Fluency and Mastery	English Reading (Comprehension groups)		С	Arithmetic Groups	6D - Science 6S - Art 6P-PSHE 6J-PE
Friday	6D - Topic 6S - Writing 6P - PE 6J - Writing	Class Book Read	Break	Maths Fluency and Mastery	English Spelling & Grammar		Н	KS2 Singing Assembly	Kid Zone

# Roles of Responsibility

- Peer Mentors Mr Jones will be in charge of the Peer Mentors who will be asked to help nurture younger pupils around the school
- School Council There will be two representatives nominated from each class and Mrs Schoeman will work with the council members
- Sports Council Mr Foster will choose sport councillors who will be asked to help in different areas of the playground.
- Prefects Miss Pooley will be in charge of the Prefects. Those chosen will need to ensure that everyone is behaving on the playground and in the corridors during lunch times.
- Young Ambassadors These are special roles chosen by Mrs. Tomlinson. These children will be the young leaders of Year 6!



### Year 6 Reward System:

Bad news - there are no bonus points given out in Year 6. Good news bonus points will be replaced by CREDITS!





Credits will work just like bonus points but there is a twist. Credits can be exchanged at the end of each term for lots of fabulous prizes!

# Breakfast club, Fun Zone and after school clubs

Breakfast Club

- Breakfast club doors are open between 8.00am and 8.25am. The child enters through the double white doors at the end of the Year 1 classrooms.
- Breakfast club is open to all and can be paid for, in advance, online.

Fun Zone

Fun Zone is an after school supervised club that runs from 3.15pm until 5.45pm. Spaces are limited so places need to be applied for via the school office.

After-school clubs

- We offer a variety of after-school activities which can be sport-based, crafts and many others. A letter is sent out prior to each half term to allow you to apply for these.
- Spaces are limited so giving every child one club per half term is the first priority.

# FAQs

- How was my child levelled at the end of last year?
  - Last academic year we gave the children a predicted grade based on their performance up to March 2020. This is to allow their new teachers an awareness of their ability and plan accordingly.
- What is going to happen to Year 6 SATS?
  - The department for education are planning for statutory assessments to take place in summer 2021. As soon as we have been informed more about their plans, we will communicate this with parents.

- Will there be parent interviews this year?
  - We have scheduled these into the yearly timetable and will ensure appropriate safety measures are in place prior to them taking place. If there is any change to these plans, we will communicate this to the parents as soon as we are able.