



Lavant

C.E. Primary School

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Dear Parents

I hope you had a lovely half term break with your children

Thank you to all of you who attended parents' evening before half term. It is always very encouraging to have such a high turnout, and great to receive such overwhelmingly positive feedback. Please see a summary of the evaluations below.

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Do not Agree	Strongly Disagree	Not sure
I feel well informed about the progress my child is making	86%	14%			
I am clear about my child's strengths and I am aware of any areas for development.	85%	14%	1%		
My child's targets/ next steps were shared with me and these were clear	81%	19%			
I received information about how I can help my child at home	89%	10%			1%
I was given the opportunity to raise any issues or concerns	90%	10%			

School Activities

Although January and February are not the most exciting months of the year, that didn't stop our school calendar being action packed as usual. As well as a busy time in school last half term, many children were involved in a number of enrichment activities.

Author Visit

At the beginning of term the children were treated to a visit from children's author, Steve Clifford. Steve, who has written a number of popular children's books, worked with all the children across the school motivating them to write their own short stories. Many children were really inspired by his stories and many have enjoyed borrowing his books from the school library over the past few weeks.

United Voices at the Festival 'United Voices' Concert



Well done to all the children in Pheasant Class who sang beautifully at the 'United Voices' concert held at Chichester Festival Theatre. The children worked really hard learning songs in school as well as having rehearsals with other schools prior to the event. During the concert, our children joined with pupils from schools across the Chichester Locality to perform a variety of songs based on the theme of 'values which we aspire to', as citizens of our schools, Chichester, and beyond.

It was lovely that so many parents were able to join us in the theatre to enjoy the evening with the children, and to celebrate their singing, enthusiasm and enjoyment of being on stage. The quality of the singing was outstanding.

Cross Country Run

On 22nd January, 19 children from our school running club competed in the annual Chichester Locality Cross Country Run. The event, held at Bishop Luffa School, was well attended with nearly 300 children from across our local primary schools running 1,500km. Our children were great ambassadors for our school and gave it their all. We were very proud of them. A particular well done must be given to Stanley Freshwater who was selected to represent our area at county level and will compete in the county race later this term.



Pheasant class visit to Chichester Harbour Conservancy

Pheasant class' recent trip to Chichester Harbour Conservancy and Chichester County Hall was a treat for all concerned. A beautiful winter's day greeted the children at the harbour where they got into role (as conservationists, ramblers and even government officials) and went on a fabulous geographical learning walk in the local area. The children then wrote their own proposal about the topical issue of Britain's "Coastal Pathway," using all of their learning from their most recent Learning Journey on debating. A trip to County Hall followed, where the class excelled at showing off their debating skills, impressing everyone with their maturity and thoughtful points of view.

Safer Internet Day

As a finale to their e-safety Learning Journey, all children in year 6 visited West Dean CE Primary school to participate in a workshop lead by e-safety expert, Mr. Alan Mackenzie. During the workshop, the children explored how to stay safe online and discussed how to use social media safely and responsibly. The children have created an excellent display of what they have learnt through this Learning Journey, and this is now up in our school hall. Do pop in to have a look.

Visit from the Bishop of Horsham

Following our 'Outstanding' grading at our SIAMs inspection last year, the Bishop of Horsham visited school on Tuesday 6th February to see for himself the fabulous learning taking place across the school. The Bishop conducted a tour of the school and chatted to children and staff about the benefits of working and learning in a small village C of E controlled school. The Bishop has informed us that he had a very enjoyable and informative day and thanked the children and whole school community for the warm welcome he received.

Woodpecker Class Fair Trade

Woodpecker class are currently undertaking an exciting learning Journey all about Fair Trade. This learning Journey is very timely as it is currently National Fair Trade fortnight. It is hoped that by the end of their studies, we will be able to apply for a Fair Trade awareness award for the school. The children will be presenting what they have learnt during a special celebration assembly on Thursday 8th March

Health and Safety

I am delighted to inform you that, following a recent Health and Safety monitoring inspection, the inspector found that **'Standards of health and safety at Lavant CofE Primary school are excellent.'** The physical and emotional wellbeing and safety of your children is always of the upmost importance to us. On this theme however, a few issues have recently been brought to my attention that I would appreciate your support in.

Safety arriving and leaving school

A few parents have recently brought to my attention that some drivers are irresponsibly parking very close to, or even over, the pedestrian crossing point outside the school. This makes it very dangerous for parents and young children to cross. **Please park responsibly.** We are currently working with the Highways Department to make improvements to the pedestrian crossing and the footpaths at the school entrance.

Some children are also walking into school via the staff car park, which, for safety reasons is not allowed. If dropping your child at the turning circle, please do so at the designate

dropoff point so your child can enter via the safe pedestrian access point. Children arriving at school after 9am when the main school gates are shut **must enter via the main entrance accompanied by an adult. The adult must sign the child in stating a reason in the late book. Children must not be left to come into school unaccompanied.** .

Cough sweets

Recently a number of children have been bringing cough sweets into school. Although I understand that a tickly cough is annoying, I am afraid cough sweets are not allowed in school as they contain medication and are a choking hazard.

Lip balm.

During the cold weather a number of children suffer from chapped lips. I am happy for children to bring in '**Non flavoured**' lip balm into school, that can be kept in their tray. Please do remind your child however, that they are not to share a lip balm with other children in school.

PE kits

It is really important that children have regular exercise throughout each week and it is important that every child has a **full PE kit** in school every day. If a child has not got a kit in school they are not to borrow other children's kits across the school as we have had reports of some items of kit going missing. Thank you for your support in this.

Nuts

Please remember we are a nut free school and do have children with nut allergies in school. Children must not have not have nuts or nut based products in their lunchboxes. This includes Nutella Chocolate Spread.

Bullying

We are very pleased that incidents of bullying are very rare at our school. If however, any child reports that they, or another child, may be being bullied, this is something we take very seriously. Children are able to report any concern they have to any adult in school who will always listen to them and take any concerns seriously. All children involved are spoken to and full accounts of any accusations are listened to and acted upon. If the situation is considered to be of a bullying nature, parents of all children involved are contacted and we work together to find a swift resolution to the problem. All staff are made aware of ongoing concerns and are vigilant in monitoring relationships in class and on the play ground.

Parent Workshops

In response to recent parent requests we have planned two parent workshops to be held over the coming weeks.

Spelling workshop - 9am Wednesday 7th March

As you are aware we are currently developing and improving our approach to teaching and learning spellings across the school. We have altered the way in which we are asking children to learn their spellings and have invested in an online program to help your children develop spelling strategies in a fun and engaging way on line. Mrs Upjohn will be outlining key changes to our approach and giving you some helpful tips as to how you can support your child at home.

Growth mindset – 9am Friday 23rd March

Many of you have commented on the positive benefits you have already seen as your children are learning about their brain and the importance of developing a 'Growth Mindset'. This is a very exciting concept we are all committed to in school and, during this workshop, Mr King, Mr Taylor, and children will be explaining the science behind this concept, and importance of us all developing a Growth mindset within our own lives.

If at all possible, please do come along to both workshops. It will be great to see you there.

Future events

Easter Service

We hope you will be able to join us at our Easter service at St Nicholas Church on Thursday 29th March at 1.30pm. Rev Dr David Jarret will kindly be leading our service and we would love to see as many parents there as possible. All parents who do attend will be welcome to take their children home directly after the service, once they have returned to school to collect their belongings.

Dance House 2018

Children in Dance club are currently busy preparing for a Dance Show on 23rd April at 7.15pm at the Alexandra Theatre, Bognor Regis. Please contact The Alexandra Theatre, Bognor Regis Box Office on 01243 861010 to book your tickets now for what I know will be a wonderful performance.

As the days are finally getting longer again and spring will soon be here, we can all look forward to a really creative, fun and learning packed rest of the Spring term.

Kind regards



Adrian King

Key Upcoming Dates

Book Character Dress Up day	Friday 2 nd March
Friends Jumble sale	Saturday 3 rd March
Parent Workshop – Spelling	Wednesday 7 th March
Woodpecker Class assembly	Thursday 8 th March
Mother's Day Sale	Friday 9 th March
Wren Class assembly	Thursday 15 th March
Sport Relief Day	Friday 23 rd March
Parent Workshop - Growth Mindset	
Lavant's Got Talent	
Mother's Day Sale	Friday 24 th March
Easter Service	Thursday 29 th March
Last Day of Spring Term	

First day of Summer term

Dance House performance - 7.15pm
at Alexandra Theatre, Bognor Regis

Monday 16th April

Monday 23rd April

Weekly Diary Dates

Please do remember to check weekly Diary Dates to keep yourself up to date!

If you have any ideas or suggestions for our school please feel free to complete the slip below and return to the school office at your convenience.

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Comment: