



Lavant

C.E. Primary School

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Happy New Year !!

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to an exciting new school term. On behalf of all the staff a very big **THANK YOU** for all your generous Christmas wishes, cards and presents, they were very much appreciated.

SPRING TERM OVERVIEW MEETINGS AND 'DROP IN' SESSIONS

As always, the first drop in session for each class this term will be led by teachers who will outline the exciting 'Learning Journeys' planned for the term ahead. We do hope you will be able to attend these short meetings to help you prepare your child for the coming weeks at school and ensure you are well informed about the term ahead. Drop in sessions continue on a weekly basis and individual parent consultations will again be held later in the term.

Termly Overview Meeting dates are as follows

Pheasant Class	Tuesday 9 th January
Robin Class	Wednesday 10 th January
Wren Class	Thursday 11 th January
Woodpecker Class	Friday 12 th January

Usual weekly 'Drop in' day is Tuesday for every class

POLITE ANNUAL REMINDERS

It is customary at this time of year that many of us make New Year's Resolutions; to set ourselves goals or to improve an aspect of our lives. Below are my annual reminders of important school routines and expectations that, you, or your child, may like to focus on in the coming months.

UNIFORM

Please ensure that your child has all the required uniform (including full PE kit) in school every day. Our policy clearly states that **sensible black or navy flat shoes** are part of the school uniform requirements. Boots and shoes of other colours are therefore not acceptable footwear.

If your child does not have the correct uniform please ensure you notify the school in writing. Please note that large brightly coloured hair bows are not school uniform and should not be worn.



The only jewellery allowed in school is stud earrings (no hoops, necklaces or bracelets). This is for health and safety reasons. Studs need to be removed / taped for PE. If your child is unable to do this themselves then earrings are to be left at home that day.

A full list of our school uniform can be found on the school website. Thank you for your co-operation.

ARRIVAL AT SCHOOL

Please remember that, unless attending a morning club, all children must **enter school via the side gate**, not the front doors, and must be in class ready for learning by 9.00am. All children arriving after 9 o'clock and entering via the main doors must be **accompanied by an adult**. The late book must be signed and a reason for lateness given. Children attending breakfast club or another morning club **must not be left until the official start time of the club**. Although we welcome parents of our youngest children into school in the mornings, please can buggies and prams be left outside whenever possible. Currently, buggies are clogging up the shared learning space between Wren and Robin Classrooms, that is used for learning from 8:50am. We are also often left with a trail of mud on the carpets as buggies are pushed throughout the school.

HEALTHY LIVING



Drinking more water - Every child needs a water bottle in school every day to enable them to drink regularly and keep their brain hydrated. All bottles must be taken home every weekend for a thorough wash. New bottles can be purchased for £1.50 from the school office if you need a replacement. **Please note that water bottles must be filled with water, not squash/juice.**

REDUCING THE AMOUNT OF SUGER - Public Health England (PHE) is hoping to reduce children's sugar intake in 2018. Recent research suggests that half of children's sugar intake comes from unhealthy snacks and sugary drinks, leading to obesity and dental decay. A recent government survey found that on average, children are consuming at least three unhealthy snacks and sugary drinks a day, with around a third consuming four or more. The overall result is that children consume three times more sugar than is recommended, the survey results find. Remember that sweets / chocolate are not encouraged at school. Try out some healthy alternatives this year!



BEING PREPARED FOR WINTER WEATHER



Please ensure that your child is properly equipped for cold weather this winter by wearing a warm and waterproof coat. All children are allowed to play on the school field during lunchtimes as long as they have an old pair of tracksuit bottoms and an old pair of trainers/wellingtons in school. We believe in children getting lots of fresh air and keeping active all year round.



We will always try and keep the school open on snowy days. In such cases please look at our school website www.lavant.w-sussex.sch.uk for regular updates, or listen to the local radio for school closure news (Spirit FM, Radio Solent or BBC Southern Counties). Wellingtons are essential in the snow and will keep your child's feet dry.

STAFFING UPDATE

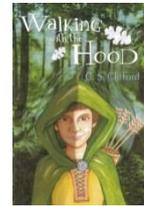
Congratulations to Miss Brigette Restall who has recently been appointed as a family support worker for Snowdrop Trust. Miss Restall has been an extremely valuable member of the Lavant team for over 10 years and we thank her for the huge difference she has made to the lives of so many children and families at our school. Miss Restall will be greatly missed by us all but we wish her all the best for her future.

ATTENDANCE

Our attendance in the Autumn term was 95.7%, which is a little lower than our target of 96%. Congratulations to those children who went home with a 100% attendance letter at Christmas. Attendance letters for all children will be sent home in the next couple of weeks and we will continue to monitor the attendance of all children. Every day in school counts, so please ensure that your child does not miss out on vital learning in class. Please remember that all absences must be reported to the school office on each morning of absence by 9:15am.

AUTHOR VISIT

On Thursday 11th January we have a successful children’s writer C.S Clifford visiting school to work with the children for the day. At the end of the day, Mr. Clifford will have a selection of books on sale and will be available for book signing.



GOLDEN LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES (G.L.O)

We will be running a range of Golden Learning opportunities again on a Friday afternoon in the second half of term. Many thanks to those of you who have already offered to help run an activity. Please look out for further information as to how you can be involved in the next couple of weeks.

WEEKLY DIARY DATES

Please do remember to check weekly diary dates to keep yourselves up to date!

Here’s to an exciting term ahead,

Mr Adrian King

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

Name:

Comment:

KEY DATES FOR SPRING TERM 2018

January	
Tuesday 9 th	Pheasant Class Welcome meeting 3:15pm
Wednesday 10 th	Robin Class Welcome meeting 3:15pm
Thursday 11 th	Steve Clifford – Children’s author visiting school all day First Forest School session for children in Year 4
Friday 12 th	Pheasant Class – United Voices Rehearsal Woodpecker Class Welcome meeting
Monday 15 th	Richard Carter (Swanfield Chapel) leading whole school collective worship
Tuesday 16 th	Friends Meeting 7.00pm
Thursday 18 th	Church Assembly 9:10am – all parents welcome Pheasant Class – United Voices Rehearsal Forest School session for children in Year 4 Pheasant Class – United Voices Concert at Chichester Festival Theatre
Wednesday 24 th	Wren and Robin Class Film club 3:15pm
Thursday 25 th	Church Assembly 9:10am – all parents welcome Forest School session for children in Year 4 Chichester Locality Gifted and Talented sports event for named children
Tuesday 30 th	Robin Class celebration Assembly 9:10am Full Governing Body Meeting 5:20pm
February	
Thursday 1 st	Forest School session for children in Year 4 Year 6 attending e-safety workshop at West Dean
Tuesday 6 th	Bishop of Horsham visiting school
Wednesday 7 th	Parent consultation evening
Thursday 8 th	Church Assembly 9:10am – all parents welcome Pheasant Class visit to Chichester Harbour Conservancy Forest School session for children in Year 4 Parent consultation evening
Friday 9th 12th – 16th	INSET DAY – School Closed HALF TERM HOLIDAY
Wednesday 21 st	Chichester Road Races for children in years 5 & 6 at 6:30pm
Thursday 22 nd	Church Assembly 9:10am – all parents welcome First Forest School session for children in Year 3
Friday 23 rd	Golden Learning Opportunity for all children 1:30pm Friends Cake Sale 3:15pm
March	
Thursday 1 st	World Book Day Forest School session for children in Year 3
Friday 2 nd	Golden Learning Opportunity for all children 1:30pm
Saturday 3 rd	Friends Jumble Sale at Lavant CE Primary School
Wednesday 7 th	Chichester Road Races for children in years 5 & 6 at 6:30pm
Thursday 8 th	Woodpecker Class celebration Assembly Forest School session for children in Year 3
Friday 9 th	Friends Mothers’ Day Sale Golden Learning Opportunity for all children 1:30pm
Thursday 15 th	Wren Class celebration Assembly Forest School session for children in Year 3
Friday 16 th	Golden Learning Opportunity for all children 1:30pm
Wednesday 21 st	Chichester Road Races for children in years 5 & 6 at 6:30pm
Thursday 22 nd	Church Assembly 9:10am – all parents welcome Forest School session for children in Year 3
Friday 23 rd	Golden Learning Opportunity for all children 1:30pm Friends Lavant’s Got Talent
Mon 26 th – Thurs 29 th	Year 6 Cycling Proficiency every morning
Thursday 29 th	Easter Egg Hunt organised by the Friends Easter Service at St Nicholas Church 2.00pm – all parents welcome

Monday 16th April

Start of Summer term for children

Spring Term clubs

This term the following school clubs will be on offer.

Please tick any club that your child would like to attend and return the form as soon as possible as there will be a limit on numbers for certain clubs. The clubs are available on a first come, first served basis.

Please note there are places left for Football Club and a few spare spaces for the Fencing Club – please call in to the office for forms.

If your child would like to take part in the Karate Club, please just arrive at the session - £5 per lesson paid directly to the instructor.

After your child is accepted into a club, please let the office (or the teacher running the club) know if they no longer wish to attend so that their place can be offered to someone on the waiting list.

Please note that some of the clubs may change due to staff commitments – we will hope to keep you informed.

IF YOU DO NOT HEAR FROM THE SCHOOL YOUR CHILD HAS BEEN ACCEPTED TO ATTEND THE CLUBS OF THEIR CHOICE

START DATE	YEAR	CLUB	TIME	PROVIDER	COST per session	TICK
Monday 8 th January	Yrs 1-6	Karate	7:45 – 8:45am	Sama Karate	£5.00	
Monday 8 th January	Yrs 2-6	Collective Worship	Lunch time 12:30 -1pm	Mrs Yelland	No Charge	
Tuesday 12 th January	Yrs 2-6	Zumba	8:00 – 8:45am	Natalie Fit Joy	£44 for term	
Tuesday 12 th January	Yrs 2-6	Eco	Lunchtime 12:30 – 1pm	Mrs Everard	No Charge	
Tuesday 12 th January	Yrs 2-6	Football	3:15-4:15pm	South Coast Sports	£55 for term	
Wednesday 10 th January	Yrs 1-4	Gym	8:00 – 8:45am	South Coast Sports	No charge	Full
Wednesday 10 th January	Yrs 3-6	Homework	Lunchtime 12:30 – 1pm	Learning Mentor	No Charge	
Thursday 11 th January	Yrs 3-6	Running	3:15 – 4:00pm	Mr King & Mrs Fenmor Collins	No Charge	
Friday 12 th January	Year 5	110 Math Breakfast Club	8:00 – 8:45am	Mr Taylor & Mr King	No Charge	By Invite
Friday 12 th January	Yrs 3-6	Mini Fencing	8:00 – 8:45am	South Coast Sports	No Charge	
Friday 12 th January	Yrs 3 – 6	Chess	3:15 – 4:00pm	Mrs Upjohn / Mrs Botham	No Charge	

Towards the second half of term Mrs Elliot will be running a Dance House club and Mrs Jenkinson a STEM Club. More Details to follow shortly

CHILD'S NAME: _____ **YEAR** _____