



Lavant

C.E. Primary School

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Dear Parents,

STAFF NEWS AND SCHOOL ORGANISATION FOR NEXT YEAR

STAFF NEWS

I am delighted to inform you that Mrs Elliott is expecting her first baby and will be going on maternity leave in October. Due to the timing of her maternity leave, Mrs. Elliot will not have a class responsibility in September but will be working with teachers and supporting children learning across the school. I am sure you will add your best wishes to ours for an exciting time as a new mum!

SCHOOL ORGANISATION FOR WREN AND ROBIN CLASS

As is common practice in small primary schools, the children at Lavant are generally taught in mixed age group classes. For the past few years, however, we have been very fortunate in being able to employ an additional teacher for 3 mornings a week to allow Years R, 1 and 2 to be taught separately. Sadly next year our school budget is unable to fund this as increasing financial demands are not being matched by government funding. This, in real terms, makes a significant cut to our school budget. As a West Sussex school, we are also challenged by the poor deal given to us, as highlighted by the 'Worthless' campaign.

Next year, we are welcoming 15 new children in Reception who will be taught as a discrete year group in Wren Class every morning. All children in Years 1 and 2 will be in Robin class and will be taught as a mixed Year 1/2 class every morning. This will ensure that all Year 1 children stay together as a year group for focussed teaching of phonics and key English and Maths skills. It will also ensure consistency in provision, for all Year 1 children and help them maintain their year group identity. At other set times in the afternoons, children in Year 1 will have opportunities to work together across Wren and Robin classes developing their musical, artistic and investigative skills to name a few. This will enable them to continue to make the most of our Early Years base and outdoor learning environment, whilst also enabling our older children in Key Stage 1 to have some time being taught as a discrete Year 2 group. We believe all children will benefit from this change in organisation and feel it will help us to provide the very best learning experiences for every child during their very important formative years of school life.

The staffing arrangements for next Year are as follows:-

Class	Teacher	TA
Wren Class Year R	Mrs Yelland Mrs Jenkinson Wed pm	Mrs Russell
Robin Class Years 1/2	Mrs Upjohn (Mon - Tues) Mrs Botham (Wed - Fri)	Mrs Ireland Mrs Juggins (am only)
Woodpecker Years 3/4	Mrs Holden (Mon - Wed) Mrs Jenkinson (Thurs - Fri)	Mrs Richardson
Pheasant Years 5/6	Mr Taylor (Mon - Thurs) Mrs Caruthers (Fri)	Miss Hogarth
SEND & 1:1 support	Mrs Everard	Miss Restall Mrs Langley

Your child will spend a session with their new teacher/s on **Wednesday 6th July**, which will give them an insight into the expectations of their next year group.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss any issues in this letter in more detail do not hesitate to come in and see me.

Here's to a good last few weeks of term!

Adrian King