



# Lavant

## C.E. Primary School

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Dear Parents,

**Welcome back** and well done for making it to the end of the first week of the school year. I hope you had a lovely summer and have been enjoying the warm weather we are experiencing this week. A big welcome particularly to all new families – our new children have settled into their classes amazingly well and we are delighted to have them as part of our school family.

### Welcome Meetings and 'Drop in's

I hope you found your child's class welcome meeting helpful. If you were unable to make the meeting, do ensure you read the termly overview letter to ensure you are up to date on the learning that your child will be experiencing over the coming weeks.

The meeting for parents of children in years R and 1 is being held on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September at 3:15pm in Wren Classroom. A film will be put on for any children who wish to watch it whilst the meeting is in progress.

We have an open door policy at our school and parents are welcome to pop in to talk to teachers any day of the week. Unless it is really important, it is usually best to catch teachers at the end of the day as they need to be in class when the children arrive. Please note however, we hold a weekly teachers' staff meeting every Wednesday after school so, if at all possible, please do not catch teachers on these days.

**Individual parent consultations will be held for all children during the last week of this half term.**

### Swimming

The parents of children in Key Stage two are reminded that swimming lessons start on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September. Many thanks to all of you who have paid but please do also remember to return your permission slips – we still have many outstanding.

### New water bottle



Every child who has needed a replacement, has been given a new water bottle, kindly donated by the Friends of Lavant School. Every pupil is offered a new water bottle each year so, if your child has not required one now, they are welcome to receive one as the need arises. School water bottles must be in school every day and can be refilled with fresh water as required. For hygiene reasons please ensure the bottles are taken home at least every Friday to be thoroughly washed before being returned to school on a Monday morning. Should you need additional bottles or lids during the year they can be purchased from the school office for £2 (lid only 50p)

## School Uniform

It is fantastic to see all the children looking smart in their school uniform at the start of a new school year. To help you check that your child has the correct uniform I have included a brief reminder below.

### Girls

- Grey pinafore dress/skirt/trousers
- White polo shirt
- Burgundy sweatshirt or cardigan (purchased from Game Set and Match)
- Red check dress / short /culottes in summer
- Grey or white socks, Grey or black tights (not patterned)
- Black flat shoes

### Boys

- Long or short charcoal grey trousers
- White polo shirt
- Burgundy sweatshirt (purchased from Game Set and Match)
- Grey socks (not patterned)
- Black shoes



### P.E. kit (boys and girls)

- Black P.E. shorts
- Burgundy P.E. T-shirt
- Plimsolls / Trainers
- Maroon P.E. Bag
- Black / burgundy tracksuit bottoms and school sweatshirt/fleece. (In colder weather)

**Apologies to parents in KS2 - I informed teachers of the wrong colours of tracksuit bottoms. Please note it is black or burgundy tracksuit bottoms not grey as I told them.**

### Swimming (KS2 only)

- One-piece swimming costume / swimming trunks
- Towel

A **School fleece** is also available from Game Set and Match, which may be worn over the school jumper in colder weather. Please note a fleece is not an alternative to a school jumper but an additional optional part of our school uniform.

Please also ensure that your child's hair cut / colour of hair is suitable for school and that **all long hair is tied back at all times.**

**For further guidance on school uniform please refer to our school website.**

### Earrings

West Sussex guidelines state that pupils should only wear studs, not hoop earrings. If your child does wear earrings, please make sure they can take them out / put them in themselves for PE. If your child is unable to do this (or the earrings cannot yet come out) then please provide them with micro-pore tape to stick over the ears.





### Coats

Although we hope our Indian summer is here for a while, as we move into autumn, please make sure your child has a coat every day even if it seems fine on the way to school. We try to get outside to play even if it isn't totally dry and so your child needs the assurance of a warm rainproof coat every day.



### Allergy information

Can I remind you that nuts or food items containing nuts are **NOT** allowed in school. This includes peanut butter, chocolate spread and certain cereal bars. We appreciate your support in being extra careful when packing your child's lunchbox because **we have children and adults in the school who have severe nut allergies.**

### Healthy School - Keeping Fit

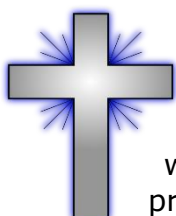


We are committed to encourage all our pupils to live healthy lifestyles and as such, each class participates in 15 minutes of sustained exercise at a convenient time in the afternoon. This may be partaking in the Government daily mile programme, completing a keep fit session, or skipping etc. Please ensure children in KS2 have a pair of trainers in school each day.

We recognise that birthday celebrations are very exciting occasions, especially when you are growing up and we want all children to feel special for the whole day. Therefore, at our school, it is a tradition that children are invited to wear their home clothes on their birthday. If their birthday falls at the weekend, or during a holiday, they can wear non-school uniform on the Friday before.



### Worship.



We are delighted to welcome back students from Bishop Luffa School and our friends from 'Open the Book' who help each week to lead us in collective worship. We are also very grateful to Frances Talbot who will be leading our Church assemblies every Thursday Morning. Over the course of this term, we will be exploring themes including new beginnings, self-belief, courage, prophecy and the Christmas Story.

Parents are warmly invited to join us for our **Harvest Festival on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September**. Our service will be held in school and we will be asking for donations of food produce, preferably tins / packets. Produce donated will be added to Lavant Churches collection and donated to Chichester Foodbank.

### Future Dates for your Diary

27<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> September  
17<sup>th</sup> October


Pheasant Class Residential to Christian Youth Enterprise  
Individual photos

If you have a query about any aspect of school life please just ask. If it is class related please **ask your child's teacher**, otherwise check **at the office or come and see me**.

We look forward to seeing you at our welcome picnic next Friday.

**Here's to an exciting year ahead!**

Best Wishes



Adrian King

**Working together in faith - always 'Aiming for the best'**

**Term Dates 2023 - 24**

**Autumn term 2023**

Fri 1<sup>st</sup> September – Fri 15<sup>th</sup> December

Half term: Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> October - Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> October

**Spring term 2024**

Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> January – Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> March

**Half term:** Mon 12<sup>th</sup> February - Fri 16<sup>th</sup> February

**Summer term 2024**

Mon 15<sup>th</sup> April - Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> July

**Half term:** Mon 27<sup>th</sup> May - Fri 31<sup>st</sup> May

**INSET DAYS 2023 - 24**

Please note the school will be closed to children on the following dates:

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2024

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024

*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: