



# Lavant

## C.E. Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It is hard to believe we are already approaching our first half term break of the academic year. It was great to see so many of you at parent consultations this week; thank you for your overwhelmingly positive feedback as to how useful and informative you find these meetings.



**Well done** to our children in Wren Class who have all thrown themselves into school life. They all settled so quickly at the start of the term and we are so pleased to have them in our school. We look forward to seeing each child in Wren Class flourish over the coming months and years.

### Harvest



A big thank you to everyone who donated harvest gifts for our Harvest Festival. As usual, the service was very well attended and a wonderful celebration of God's provision for us. We have received a letter of thanks from Chichester Food Bank for the donations made.

### Pheasant Class visit to CYE

At the end of September Pheasant Class had a fabulous few days at Christian Youth Enterprise Activity Centre. The children had so much fun and rose to the challenge of tunnelling, rafting, sailing, and much more. Well done to the Pheasants for showing a really positive attitude throughout the residential. We were so proud of all the children who were an absolute credit to our school.



### Local heroes visit school



As part of their learning about 'Every day Heroes', Wren and Robin Classes had an exciting visit from the Fire service. The children learned about the job of a Fire Fighter: how they help us, what they wear, what tools are stored on a fire engine etc. The children also interviewed a local nurse and produced some amazing writing, and drawing about the various services. They have also had a great time role playing nurses, doctors, police officers, and fireman.

## Book Fest 2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> October

To celebrate Chichester Book Festival, we were thrilled to welcome the children's illustrator/author Nadia Shireen. Not only did she delight us with a personal reading of her hot off the press new book 'Geoffrey Gets The Jitters', but she also signed a copy of the book for each child in school to take home. We thank Mrs Totman for all of her hard work organising this wonderful opportunity for each of our classes.



**Grounds morning** - A huge **thank you** to all of you who worked so hard tidying and improving our school grounds during our DIY morning. We have such a wealth of talented parents, and we hugely appreciate your commitment and willingness to help. These mornings make such a difference in maintaining and improving our school grounds.



## Governing Body News

Our team of governors continue to work together to help steer the school and have been working hard behind the scenes as we prepare to join the Bishop Luffa Learning Partnership. We are currently on track to join the trust on the 1<sup>st</sup> December. At the start of the academic year, Mrs. Mel Belderson, who has been an active governor for a number of years, stepped down from her governing role. We thank her for all she has contributed over the past few years.

As always, I am very grateful to all our governors who effectively offer challenge and support to our school. Their dedication to the children of Lavant and in helping our school grow from strength to strength is hugely important to our development. As you will be aware, we currently have a parent governor vacancy. If you may be interested in joining our team of governors, please ensure your nomination is in by Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November.

## Winter Ready



As the autumnal weather is well upon us now, please can you ensure that all children bring a warm waterproof coat to school every day. We aim to get all the children outside at playtimes even when it is cold and damp so that everyone has some fresh air and a chance to run around. We encourage children to continue playing on the school field at lunch times but do insist that they have a change of footwear and an old pair of tracksuit bottoms to put on. Please remember that in winter all children must wear smart school shoes in school, no boots please.

## Friends Jumble Sale

The Friends are holding their autumn term jumble sale on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November. If you are having a clear out over the half term break, you are welcome to bring in items for the jumble from Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October. The Friends are in need of a lot more adult volunteers for this event as it requires at least 15 helpers to enable the jumble to run smoothly. This is a significant fundraiser for our school and raises the best part of £1000 to enhance your child's learning. If you are able to offer your help, please contact Mrs. Polly Peart via 'The Friends' Facebook page.

## KEY UPCOMING EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October	2 <sup>nd</sup> half of autumn term commences Great fire of London workshop for Robin Class
Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	Friends Jumble sale
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	Woodpecker Class visit to Butser Farm
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	Friends Winter disco
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	'History of Toys' workshop for Wren Class Year 5/6 girls football tournament @ Chichester University
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	Pheasant Class visit to D-day museum Children in need day
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	Year 5/6 boys football tournament @ Arena Bognor Regis
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> November	Pheasant Class Museum for parents
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	Non school uniform – Donations for Christmas Fair
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> December am	Wren and Robin Class Nativity
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December pm	Wren and Robin Class Nativity
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Fair
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Woodpecker and Pheasant Class Carol Service
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Chartwells Christmas lunch
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper Day and Music Assembly Last day of the autumn term

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*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*

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