



Lavant

C.E. Primary School

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Dear Parents

I hope your child had a good half term break and enjoyed the sunshine when it was out. It is hard to believe there are only seven weeks left of this academic year and we still have so much to fit in. I know the teachers have been busy planning many exciting learning opportunities for your children as they immerse themselves in our whole school topic 'Best of British'. An overview of the topic can be found at the end of this letter.

National Curriculum tests

I am sure you will have seen in the press all the reports about the testing arrangements this year. There is no doubt that the expectations on the children have significantly increased and that the standards of the tests were very high. At Lavant, we have been very clear that we are not in the business of drilling children to sit tests! Instead, we deliver our curriculum in an inspiring and creative way with all learning being clearly linked to a meaningful outcome. Just before the half term break, the children approached the tests with confidence, independence and a maturity that has been really impressive. They supported one another, stayed calm and focussed while also having a sense of fun.

First half term enrichment Events

Life was as busy as usual last half term and the children were involved in a number of enrichment opportunities. A snapshot of which is outlined below.

Swimming – On the first day of the summer term a small group of children from across Key Stage 2 visited Westbourne House School and participated in an able pupil swimming event held for children across the Goodwood Area of Schools. The children literally threw themselves into this event and were great ambassadors for our school.

Local Links – Children in Year 6 really have really impressed us during their time at Fordwater School. During their visits the children have had the opportunity of getting to know some of the Fordwater pupils and have supported them in their learning in class. We are delighted to have this connection with the school and the children's weekly visits really do help to broaden their experiences and break down barriers towards children with disabilities.



Forest Schools – Children in Year 2 enjoyed their six weeks Forest Schools programme at Kingley Vale. This term our Year 1 children are visiting Seeley Copse at Goodwood for their Forest Schools activities.



Reading Mentors – All children in Pheasant class completed peer mentoring training and are now mentoring children in Years 1 and 2 in their reading on a weekly basis.

Recycling – Children in Woodpecker Class thoroughly enjoyed their visit to Ford Recycling plant. We received excellent feedback on the behaviour and attitudes of our pupils and I know all the children learnt a great deal during their visit.

Chichester Visit – Children in Wren and Robin Class were excellent geography spotters during their visit to Chichester when they identified a number of significant landmarks.

WOW Science Day – Children in Year 5 enjoyed a day's learning at Lavant House School, joining with children from across the locality learning about how we see. Many children were very brave and embraced the opportunity to dissect an eye.

Zumba – Fitness levels were raised when Natalie Temple, ran Zumba taster sessions for children in years R – 3. Our new Zumba club begins this week and we hope to see lots of our younger children being energised before the start of the school day.

The Trundle Mile – Children in Woodpecker and Pheasant Classes dragged themselves back out on a Wednesday evening to run a mile around Lavant. This was the first time we have entered this event and we were very proud of all of our runners.

Goodwood Racing – Following sitting their National Curriculum tests our children in Year 6 were treated to a day at the races at Goodwood. Throughout the day the children applied their maths skills in a number of real life situations as well as being able to see some incredible racing.



Cobnor - Just before the half term break Pheasant Class had an excellent residential trip camping at Cobnor Activity Centre. All the children were fantastic ambassadors for our school and put their all into every activity. We have certainly discovered some very talented archers, sailors, climbers and raft builders. It is such a pleasure to see the children growing in confidence and resilience, whilst also supporting and encouraging each other. Well done children.

We are very thankful to all our parents who, without your support, we would be unable to run so many of these worthwhile events. Whether you come in to school, accompany children on visits, or help with transport we are extremely grateful. THANK YOU.

Spinnaker Tower

Thank you so much for your generosity in sponsoring 25 brave/mad people to abseil down the Spinnaker Tower. Sadly the weather on the day prevented the team completing their decent however a new date has been set for 3rd September. Although we were all very disappointed not to be able to complete our challenge on the 21st May, it does give us more time to gain even more sponsorship. That means if you haven't yet sponsored one of the team / me, there is still time. A huge thank you to Mrs Amanda Smith for the tremendous amount of time she has dedicated to organising this massive fundraising event.

Village Fete Saturday 18th June

Hopefully you all have the date of the Lavant Village Fete in your diaries. Our Maypole club are currently busy rehearsing and will be performing at the Fete. If you are able to help out running our Lavant C.E. Primary School Friends Stall please contact either Amanda Smith or Claire Griffiths.

Your Views

We always welcome opportunities for parents to get involved in school life. If you feel able to volunteer your time in any way to support our school please do let us know. Working in partnership with you is something that we are really passionate about at Lavant; we recognise that we can achieve so much more when we work together. We value your feedback very much and would appreciate you taking 5 minutes to fill in the attached survey and let us know what we are doing well and how we can improve. We will use the information we get from this survey to inform our school improvement planning.

Thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter. We are really looking forward to the rest of the summer term as it stretches out ahead of us and have so much to look forward to in the weeks ahead!

Best Wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Adrian King'.

Adrian King

The Best of British

Summer 2 - Whole School Topic

Week	Theme	Subject Lead
1 6 – 10 June	The British Monarchy Queens 90th <i>Tea Party 10th June</i>	History / geography
2 13 – 17 June	Law & Democracy <i>School Charter/House teams morning</i>	PSHCE
3 20 – 24 June	Famous Britain's <i>Sports Day & visiting sporting heroes</i>	Sport
4 27 June – 1 July	Tolerance Faith and Beliefs <i>Faith communities visiting school</i>	RE
5 4 – 8 July	British Music <i>Summer Proms 8th July</i>	Music
6 11 – 15 July	British Decades <i>Dress up day 13th July</i>	History
7 18 – 21 July	Food & Traditions	RE/PSHCE/ SCIENCE

KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



10 th June	1:30pm	Queens 90 th Birthday Celebrations
10 th June	6.00pm	Lavant's Got Talent
13 th and 14 th June		Home visits for new Reception children
17 th June	1.15pm	Year 6 Leavers Service at Chichester Cathedral
18 th June	2.00pm	Lavant Village Fete (Children Maypole dancing)
21 st June	9.30am	Sports Day
22 nd June		Sports Day reserve
27 th June	6.00pm	Meeting for New Parents
3 rd July		Lavant School grounds open for Lavant Open Gardens
5 th July	1.30pm	Goodwood Area Sports Day
6 th July		Transition Day – Meet your new teacher
8 th July	6.00pm	School Summer Proms and Summer Social
21 st July	9.10am	Year 6 Leavers Service
21 st July		End of school year for children
22 nd July		INSET DAY