



# Lavant

## C.E. Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

### Academy Update

We are delighted that our journey towards joining the Bishop Luffa Learning Partnership is progressing smoothly and we continue to be on track to join the Trust on 1<sup>st</sup> December. At the end of last week, Fishbourne CE Primary was also granted an academy order, and we look forward to working more closely with them as they join the partnership later in 2024.

### Payments via Bacs /Cheques



Over the next few weeks, whilst bank accounts are being transferred, we ask that parents do not pay money directly into our school bank account or make cheques payable to Lavant CE Primary School. Any money due to the school, will need to be paid in cash or cheque payable to Bishop Luffa School. We will inform you once our new financial systems are set up and ready to receive payments.

### Comic Relief

A big well done and thank you to Mr. Worne and our School Council for organising a fantastic day raising money for Children in Need. **Thanks** for your generous donations which will enable us to make a substantial contribution to this good cause. We will give you a final total, once our School Councillors have finished counting.



### Parent Governor vacancy

We continue to have a vacancy for a parent governor. If this is an area of school life that you feel you may be able to contribute towards, please pop in for an informal chat about the role.

### Reading Volunteer Team

We are exceptionally thankful to our fantastic band of volunteers who regularly come into school to listen to children read. Reading is such an important life skill and it is vital that children develop positive reading habits at home as well as in school. We are very grateful to all parents who have established regular reading routines at home but are aware that some children benefit from enhanced reading opportunities at school. As such, we are hoping to expand our band of reading volunteers who provide additional opportunities to read with an adult during the school day. (Volunteering ranges from 10 minutes 3 times a week to either an hour, or afternoon, each week). If you have a passion for helping children to read and would be interested in being part of our reading volunteer team, please let Mrs Totman or myself know.



### Mrs Totman's Christmas Reading recommendations

Christmas is the perfect time to treat your child with an exciting new book to read. Please see Mrs Totman's Recommended reads attached.

# Christmas Events

With Christmas fast approaching, I am delighted to share with you the special events we will be holding to celebrate the festive season.

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December: 2<sup>nd</sup> Donation day for our Christmas Fair** – Children are allowed to wear non-school uniform in return for bringing in donations for our Christmas fair.

**From Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas Cards** - The Christmas post box will be in position in the learning hub from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December. If your child wishes to send any Christmas cards to anyone in school, they may post them in the school post box during the school day. Please ensure each card is clearly marked with the name and class of the recipient.

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas Fair: 1pm – 3pm** We are really looking forward to seeing you all at our Christmas Fair on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December. A huge **"THANK YOU"** to 'The Friends' who are working hard preparing for this event.

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December: Wren and Robins 'Hooray in a Manger' Dress rehearsal** - Early Years and Key Stage 1 Christmas Play Dress rehearsal to Key Stage 2 and Little Harriers Pre School

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December: Wren and Robins 'Hooray in a Manger' performances – Tickets on sale now.** Parents of children in Wren and Robin Classes have received a separate letter about this event.

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December: Key Stage 2 Christingle Service at St Mary's Church** - Children in key stage 2 will be visiting St Mary's Church in the afternoon of Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December. We will be walking to the church straight after lunch to make our Christingles before the service which will be held at 2pm. **Parents of children in Woodpecker and Pheasant Classes are warmly invited to join us for the service.** After the service, we will all walk back to school in time for the end of the school day.

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December: Wear a Christmassy item** - Children are welcome to wear a Christmas jumper instead of their school jumper. Do not worry if a Christmas Jumper is not really your thing. Children may alternatively wear a pair of Christmas socks, or a Tinsel hair band. All other items of clothing will be usual school uniform.

**Christian Youth Enterprises Christmas Assembly** - Christian Youth Enterprises will be visiting our school to lead a special Christmas assembly with the whole school.

**Christmas Themed Lunch** - Children who have hot school meals will have a Christmas meal and we encourage all other children to bring in a special festive packed lunch. If your child does not normally have a hot meal but would like to have a Christmas meal on this day, orders must be placed by Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December. To order a Chartwells hot meal, please order on line using your Parent Pay Account.

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas Music Assembly** - Family and friends are warmly invited to our Christmas Music Assembly at 9am on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December. Refreshments and a Christmas stall will be available at the end of the assembly.

Best Wishes,



Mr Adrian King