



# Lavant

## C.E. Primary School

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Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2017

Dear Parents,

I hope your children all enjoyed their half term holiday and have had a great first week of their final half term of the school year. Over the next few weeks, the whole school is sharing a whole school learning experience about life in the Woods / Forest. Already the children have been busy learning songs and rehearsing for our summer term extravaganza 'Robin Hood'. We are all very much looking forward to this very special event that will involve all the children from across the school and lead straight into our annual summer social on the school field. Please make sure Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July is in your diary.

### School Inspections - Section 48

Many of you will know that our school was inspected at the end of last half term. This was a Section 48 inspection which is a Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools (SIAMS). Every church school, whether voluntary controlled or aided, is required to undergo this inspection every 5 – 6 years. Thank you to all the parents who met with the inspector and spoke so highly of our school. I am very pleased to say that the inspector was very impressed by all we do, and the inspection had a very positive outcome. The full report will be sent home early next week.

### Attendance

Congratulations to Woodpecker Class who have the highest attendance of last half term. In addition, a very well done to all the children as our overall attendance so far this year is 97% compared to 96% last year. Thank you to all parents who avoid booking holidays during term time. Please can I remind you that I am unable to authorise any holidays during term time and the Local Authority is still issuing fixed term penalty notices. Please therefore ensure that your child is in school every day for the remainder of this term.

### Drop off and pickups.

A small number of children are frequently arriving at school unsupervised as early as 8:20am. Unless attending a club, children are not permitted on the school site until 8:40am. The school grounds are not supervised in the morning, as all staff are busy preparing for the day ahead, and children must not be left for long periods of time without adult supervision. If not informed that a child is left unattended, we are not able to ensure their safety. A member of staff is on duty from 8:50 at the turning circle to welcome children into school, and I am outside to greet children as often as possible.

Similarly, at the end of the day there are frequently a number of children who can be waiting for up to fifteen minutes to be picked up which is clearly unacceptable. We are of course happy, in exceptional circumstances, to supervise children but this must be agreed in advanced so that I can ensure the safety of all the children in our care.

I am very pleased to announce however that, due to a good level of interest, we will be running a Breakfast club from September which will helpfully help parents who need to get to work early. More details about this provision will follow shortly.

## Village Fete Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Parental help

We always welcome opportunities for parents to get involved in school life. This may be helping out in classes, hearing readers, or coming in to support school events. If you feel able to volunteer your time in any way to support our school, either now or in September, please do let us know.

## Your Views

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 also really appreciate your feedback regarding what we are doing well and how we can further improve as a school. Please take 5 minutes to complete our annual survey which is attached. The information we gain from this survey is used to inform our school improvement planning.

## Reminder of other key dates for your diary

Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Colour Run
12 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 1 phonics check
Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	Lavant Village Fete
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	School Sports Day
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	GAS Science enrichment day for named children
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Year 6 Leavers Service at the Cathedral
26 <sup>th</sup> – 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 Bike ability week
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	GAS Schools Sports Day (Named Children only)
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Summer Production and Social (TBC)
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Leavers service at school
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Children break up for summer holidays

## Monday 24<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> July

## INSET Days

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

Best Wishes



Adrian King

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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*

Name:

Comment: