



# Lavant

## C.E. Primary School

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# Happy New Year

**Dear Parents,**

A very Happy New Year to you all and welcome back to a new school term. On behalf of all the staff at Lavant School I would like to say a huge THANK YOU for all our Christmas cards and presents. They were all very gratefully received.

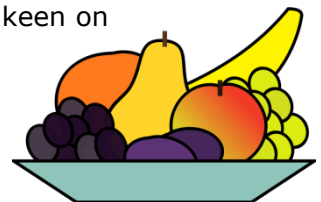
Many of us make New Year's Resolutions at this time of year and in assembly this week we are considering resolutions we could make to help improve ourselves and our time at school. Below are a few reminders of important school routines and expectations that, if we all work together, help school life run smoothly.

**Get up a little earlier to arrive at school on time** – Please remember it is vital that all children are in class ready for learning by **9.00am**. All children arriving after 9 o'clock must enter via the main doors **accompanied by an adult**. The late book must be signed and a reason for lateness given. Some mornings parents have important information to pass on to the school. If this is the case please ensure you arrive slightly earlier to catch the class teacher, or alternatively, inform the school office. Please do not put teachers in an awkward situation by trying to have a long conversation with them when the children are entering the classroom as teachers need to be free during this time to concentrate on their class and to ensure the first session is started by 9.00am. If a longer conversation is needed do not hesitate to catch a teacher after school, when more time is available, or come to your child's class weekly 'drop in' session.



**Absence** – If your child is absent from school for any reason please ensure you telephone the school office on the first morning of the absence. All periods of absence from school must be followed up **in writing** explaining the reason for the absence.

**A Healthy lunch time** - There are lots of alternatives if your child is not keen on sandwiches, and a healthy eating bar can be more nutritious than a chocolate one. Remember that sweets / chocolate and any kind of fizzy drinks are not allowed as part of a school lunch. Try out some healthy alternatives this year! If your child has a hot school meal please practice holding a knife and fork correctly and to use both implements when eating a meal. **Please remember we are a nut free school.**

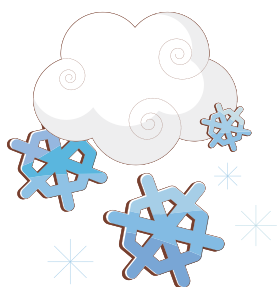
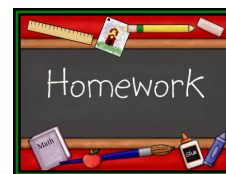


**Drinking more water** - Every child needs a water bottle in school every day to enable them to drink regularly and keep their brain hydrated. All bottles must be taken home every weekend for a thorough wash. New bottles can be purchased for £1.00 from the school office if you need a replacement.



**Wearing uniform with pride** - Please ensure that your child has all the required uniform at the start of this new term. This must include wearing the correct footwear and having a full PE kit in school every day. Jumpers and tracksuit bottoms are encouraged to be worn for outdoor games during the colder months. If your child does not have the correct uniform please ensure you notify the school in writing.

**Homework and reading diaries** – All children must have their reading books and diaries in school every day. Please do remember to write in the diaries when children have read to an adult at home. The more children read at home the more points they will receive towards their reading challenge, and most importantly become more confident readers. Please also ensure that all homework tasks are completed and returned to school on time.



**Being prepared for cold weather** - In the cold winter months please do ensure that your child is properly equipped for school including bringing a warm and waterproof coat. All children are allowed to play on the school field during lunchtimes as long as they have an old pair of tracksuit bottoms and an old pair of trainers/Wellingtons in school. We believe in children getting lots of fresh air and keeping active all year round.

We will always try and keep the school open on snowy days. In such cases please look at our school website [www.lavant.w-sussex.sch.uk](http://www.lavant.w-sussex.sch.uk) for regular updates, or listen to the local radio for school closure news (Spirit FM, Radio Solent or BBC Southern Counties). Wellingtons are essential in the snow and will keep your child's feet dry.

### **Termly Overview and 'DROP IN' SESSIONS**

As always, the first drop in session for each class this term will be led by teachers who will outline the exciting learning opportunities planned for the term ahead. We do hope you will be able to attend these short meetings to help you prepare your child for the coming weeks at school and ensure you are well informed about the term ahead. Drop in sessions continue on a weekly basis and individual parent consultations will again be held later in the term.



### **Termly Overview Meeting dates are as follows**

Wren & Robin	Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> January
Woodpecker Class –	Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> January
Pheasant Class –	Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> January

Usual weekly 'Drop in' day is Tuesday for every class

Here's to an exciting term ahead,

Mr 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: