



# Lavant

## C.E. Primary School

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Dear Parents

As the spring term is flying by, we must celebrate a busy couple of months of exciting learning.

Thank you to all of you who attended parents' evening after half term. It is always very encouraging to have such a high turnout, and great to receive such overwhelmingly positive feedback. Please see a summary of the evaluations below.

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Do not Agree	Strongly Disagree	Not sure
I feel well informed about the progress my child is making	89%	11%			
I am clear about my child's strengths and I am aware of any areas for development.	90%	10%			
My child's targets/ next steps were shared with me and these were clear	93%	7%			
I received information about how I can help my child at home	89%	10%			1%
I was given the opportunity to raise any issues or concerns	91%	8%			1%

## School Activities

Although January and February are not the most exciting months of the year, that hasn't stopped our school calendar being action packed. We have had a very busy time in school since the start of the New Year and the children have been involved in a variety of enrichment activities.

### Young Voices at Wembley OVO Arena



Well done to all the children in Pheasant Class who sang beautifully at the 'Young Voices' concert held at Wembley OVO Arena. The children worked really hard learning songs in school before their big adventure up to London. During the concert, our children sang with 5000 pupils from schools across the country and were joined on stage by a number of professional performers, including Heather Small. It was lovely that so many parents were also able to join us on

the coach and at Wembley to enjoy the evening with the children, and to celebrate their singing, enthusiasm and enjoyment of being on stage. Hopefully this occasion will be a fantastic memory for all involved.

### Cross Country Run

On 25<sup>th</sup> January, 18 children from our school running club competed in the annual Chichester Locality Cross Country Run. The event, held at Bishop Luffa School, was well attended with nearly 300 children from across our local primary schools running 1,500km. Our children were great ambassadors for our school and gave it their all. We were very proud of them. A particular well done must be given to Amber Fenmor Collins, and Alexia Saplacan, who were selected to represent our area at county level and will compete in the county race later this term.



### Early years visit to Lavant



This term Wren class reception children made an intrepid trip to the River Lavant. Luckily, the flooding had gone down and we were able to observe the river and find out information about it. The children observed the meanders and how high the water level was. They saw how clear the water was because it is a chalk stream and they talked about there being no water in the summer because it is a Winterbourne river. They know the river starts in East Dean and that the mouth is in Chichester Harbour near Fishbourne. They have made their own book full of facts too!

### Years 1 and 2 Local area walk

As part of their Local Area learning journey, Year 1 and year 2 set off for a discovery tour of our local area in early February. The aim of the walk was to familiarise the children with Lavant village, bringing many of its geographical features to their attention. We also focused on its many human features, how land is used in the area and the history of the village. We took in the allotments, different types of housing, the play park, Centurion Way and the River Lavant by the Green. It was a great opportunity to show the children that our lovely little village has such a rich heritage to explore.



### Robin What a Load of Rubbish Exhibit



On the morning of Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March, Robin Class threw open its doors and temporarily became a museum. We displayed some of our learning and the information we wanted to share from our learning journey all about rubbish and the problem of plastic waste. Parents were invited in to inspect our work and learn more about these pertinent issues. We had become experts on the topic of plastic pollution and had created information posters all about the perils of single use plastics. We produced *infographics* to show statistics about plastic waste and show-cased some of our upcycling creations. It was wonderful for the children to share their hard work and express their concerns about a grave issue to the people who mean the most to them.

### Woodpecker class visit to Tuppany Barn



To start their brand new learning journey 'The Incredible Book Eating Boy', Woodpecker Class travelled down the road to Tuppany Barn. The children toured the grounds and had the opportunity to try lots of the different produce grown by the team. The children cooked a seasonal soup using the herbs, spices and vegetables they had picked earlier on in the day. The workshop also included lots of learning activities about healthy eating and maintaining a balanced diet.



### Pheasant class visit to Chichester Planitarium



Pheasant Class recently enjoyed a fun and informative class trip to the South Downs Planetarium and Science Centre. The children were enthralled by the planetarium itself in which they learned all about a range of planets and constellations, and enjoyed a talk all about life on the International Space Station, before taking part in a fun fact-gathering quiz. It was a fun day and a great start to the Earth and Space Learning Journey they are currently working on in class.

## Dance House 2023

Earlier this term, our team of dancers had an amazing evening performing on the stage in the Alexandra Theatre in Bognor. All of our dancers performed with confidence and closed the show by sending their message of self-belief and 'wonder' out into the audience. Not only did our pupils get to perform, but were also able to watch other schools, both primary and secondary pupils, perform their work. An amazing opportunity and experience enjoyed by not only the dancers, but by parents and general audience.



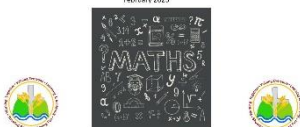
## Golden Learning Opportunities (G.L.O)

Thank you to all the adults who are providing a fantastic range of G.L.O. activities again this year. G.L.O afternoons are really valued by the children who gain so much from working in small groups. It is always a delight to see new skills gained and so much achieved in a short space of time.

## Maths Open Morning

Maths at Lavant CE Primary School

February 2023



Thank you to all those parents who were able to join us for our Maths workshop and drop-in session at the end of February. It was lovely to see so many in attendance, and to share with you what maths teaching looks like at Lavant School as well as key areas of maths that you may be able to support your children with at home. We hope you found the workshop informative and that you enjoyed the opportunity to see some lessons in action across the school.

## World book Day



Our World Book day was celebrated this year with a visit from Jon the Storyteller. Jon knew lots of myths and legends from the local area and he inspired Key Stage 2 to create their own stories from objects they had brought in from home. He then spent the afternoon inventing stories with Key Stage One and EYFS. Their ideas were woven together to create their own class story. We all wore our pyjamas or brought in our favourite teddy. We shared stories and reinvented old ones. It was amazing to have so many parents join us for the first part of the day too: books and stories shared with adults across the school.



In other news.....

## Health and Safety

The physical and emotional wellbeing and safety of your children is always of the upmost importance to us. On this theme however, a few issues have recently been brought to my attention that I would appreciate your support in.

### Arriving and leaving school safely

A few parents have recently brought to my attention that some drivers are irresponsibly parking very close to, or even over, the pedestrian crossing point outside the school. This makes it very dangerous for parents and young children to cross. **Please park responsibly.** We are continuing to work with the Highways Department to make improvements to the pedestrian crossing and the footpaths at the school entrance.

Some children are also walking into school via the staff car park, which, for safety reasons is not allowed. If dropping your child at the turning circle, please do so at the designated dropoff point so your child can enter via the safe pedestrian access point. Children arriving at school after 8:45am when the main school gates are shut **must enter via the main entrance accompanied**

**by an adult. The adult must sign the child in stating a reason in the late book. Children must not be left to come into school unaccompanied.**

### **Lip balm.**

During the cold weather a number of children suffer from chapped lips. I am happy for children to bring in '**Non flavoured**' lip balm into school, that can be kept in their tray. Please do remind your child however, that they are not to share a lip balm with other children in school.

### **Uniform and PE kits**

As a school who continually 'aims for our best' this includes the way we present ourselves in class and exercising. Please ensure your children have the correct uniform and PE kits at all times. If, for any reason, your child is without an item of uniform please inform your child's teacher in writing. Thank you for your support in this.

### **Nuts**

Please remember we are a nut free school and do have children with nut allergies in school. Children must not have nuts or nut based products in their lunchboxes. This includes Nutella Chocolate Spread.

### **Bullying**

We are very pleased that incidents of bullying continue to be very rare at our school. If however, any child reports that they, or another child, may be being bullied, this is something we take very seriously. Children are able to report any concern they have to any adult in school who will always listen to them and take any concerns seriously. All children involved are spoken to and full accounts of any accusations are listened to and acted upon. If the situation is considered to be of a bullying nature, parents of all children involved are contacted and we work together to find a swift resolution to the problem. All staff are made aware of ongoing concerns and are vigilant in monitoring relationships in class and on the play ground.

### **Policies**

A large number of our school policies can be found on our school website, If however there is a policy that you wish to see that is not online, paper copies of all policies are available on request if required.


## **Future events**

### **Easter Service**

We hope you will be able to join us at our Easter service at St Nicholas Church on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March at 2pm. All parents who do attend will be welcome to take their children home directly after the service, once they have returned to school to collect their belongings.

As the days are finally getting longer again and spring will soon be here, we can all look forward to a really creative, fun and learning packed rest of the Spring term.

Kind regards



Adrian King

## Key Upcoming Dates

Chichester road Races	Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> March
Mother's Day Sale	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> March
Comic Relief Day	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> March
GAS Dance Festival	Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> March
Pheasant Class Space Museum for parents	Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March
Chichester road Races	Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> March
Prayer week	27 <sup>th</sup> – 31 <sup>st</sup> March
Easter egg hunt	Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March
Easter Service	Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March
Last Day of Spring Term	Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March

## First day of summer term

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April**

Friends Jumble Sale

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> April

### Bank holidays

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> May**

Year 6 National Curriculum Test Week

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May

School Disco

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May

Class Photos

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May

## Summer Half term break

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June**

## Weekly Diary Dates

Please do remember to check weekly Diary Dates to keep yourself up to date!

*If you have any ideas or suggestions for our school please feel free to complete the slip below and return to the school office at your convenience.*

Name:

Comment: