



Lavant

C.E. Primary School

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Dear Parents/Guardians

Welcome back to an exciting new school term. On behalf of the staff team, a very big **THANK YOU** for all your generous Christmas wishes, cards and presents; they were very much appreciated. I hope that you all had a great Christmas and that your child is ready for an action-packed spring term!



Please look out for your curriculum overview letter, which your child's teacher will be sending out over the next few days. This will provide you with a comprehensive guide to the learning planned over the next term. Remember, we have an open-door policy at our school and you are welcome to drop in any day after school to see your child's learning. Towards the end of this half term, you will be invited to formally meet with your child's teacher at our spring term parent consultation meetings which will be held on Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th February.

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

In collective worship this half term, we will be exploring the underpinning principles of Christianity including The Trinity, incarnation, salvation and the Gospels. Towards the end of term, we will be learning about the importance of prayer for Christians, and we are delighted that Lavant Church will be setting up our annual prayer space in school again during the final week of the term. We continue to be grateful to Rev Laura & Dr Frances Talbot, students from Bishop Luffa School and the 'Open the Book' team from Chichester Baptist Church who continue to visit our school on a regular basis to lead acts of collective worship.



HEALTHY NEW YEAR



Drinking more water – The Friends, kindly provide every child with a water bottle each year and it is the expectation that this is in school every day to ensure your child remains hydrated throughout the day. We do recommend that all bottles are taken home at least every weekend for a thorough wash. New bottles can be purchased on Arbor for £2 if you need a replacement (Lids only, 50p). **Please note that water bottles must be filled with water, not squash/juice.**

REDUCING THE AMOUNT OF SUGAR

Last term we saw a significant increase of the amount of sugary foods children had in their lunch boxes. Many children in the UK exceed the maximum recommended sugar intake and research suggests that half of children's sugar intake comes from unhealthy snacks and sugary drinks, leading to obesity, dental decay and even an increased risk of Cancer. Remember that sweets / chocolate are not allowed in lunchboxes at school. The New Year, is a great time to try out some healthy alternatives!



NUT FREE SCHOOL



Please remember that we are a nut free school and do have a number of children and staff members who have significant nut allergies.

WINTER HAS FINALLY ARRIVED



Please ensure that your child is properly equipped for the cold weather we are experiencing by wearing a warm and waterproof coat. In winter, we continue to allow children 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. If in doubt, please check our school website www.lavant.w-sussex.sch.uk for regular updates, or listen to the local radio for school closure news. On Snowy days, wellingtons are essential to keep your child's feet dry.

ATTENDANCE

Every day in school counts, so please ensure that your child does not miss vital learning in class. You are able to check your child's attendance data on your Arbor app and, in addition, each child will receive a letter at the end of this half term showing their individual attendance figures for the first half of the year. If your child is absent from school for any reason, please ensure you telephone or email the school office each morning of the absence explaining why your child is not present. In line with the Bishop Luffa Learning Partnership Attendance Policy, all absences are treated as unauthorised unless (or until) the school agrees on a satisfactory explanation. Please remember to complete an **absence request form** for any planned absence from school but be aware that Headteachers are unable to authorise absences for family holidays. **The Local Authority issues Fixed Penalty Notices when children are taken out of school for holidays taken in term time.**

Clubs

School led clubs will commence the week beginning 12th January and will be available to book on Arbor from 8:00am on Thursday 8th January. Externally provided clubs are booked directly with the provider.

This term the following clubs will be available after school.

Day	Years	Club	TIME
Monday	3 – 6	Running	3:15 – 4pm
Monday	5 & 6	Dance House By Audition	3:15 – 4pm
Tuesday	2 – 6	Pokémon	3:15 – 4pm
Tuesday	R - 2	Boogie Broadway Fitjoy	3:15 – 4pm
Wednesday	3 - 6	Football South Coast Sports	3:15-4:15pm
Thursday	2 - 6	Sewing	3:15 – 4pm
Thursday	3 – 6	Doodle Club	3:15 – 4pm
Thursday	1 - 6	Board Games	3:15 – 4pm

As always, there will also be a range of lunchtime clubs on offer for the children but there is no need to book for these clubs.



Activ8 for Kids continue to provide after school care provision from 3:15pm - 6pm with options of a later start time, if children are attending school clubs, and an earlier pick up time if required. For more information please see our school website: Our School - After School Care Provision.

Future Dates for your Diary

8th January	Pheasant Class visit: Chichester Harbour Conservancy
13th January	Forest School begins for children in Year 3
19th January	Robin Class visit to Portsmouth Blue Reef Aquarium
20th January	Pheasant Class visit: Young Voices
28th January	Upper KS2 Cross Country races at Bishop Luffa School
10th February	Parent Workshop – My Digital Child

INSET DAYS in 2026

Please note the school will be closed to children on the following dates:

Friday 30th January 2025
Monday 23rd February 2026
Monday 15th June 2026

Advanced notice: The 2026 Annual Corporate and Inter-Schools Road Running Races this year take place on 25th Feb, 11th & 25th Mar 2026

Please remember to check the diary dates each week to keep yourselves up to date!

If you have a query about any aspect of school life please just ask. If it is class related, please **ask your child's teacher**, otherwise check **at the office or come and see me or Mr Taylor**.

Here's to an exciting term ahead!

Best Wishes

Adrian King

Learning together in faith – always aiming for our best

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: