



Lavant

C.E. Primary School

Headteacher: Mr Adrian King B.A Hons (QTS) NPQH

West Stoke Road
Lavant Chichester
West Sussex PO18 0BW

Tel: 01243 527382 Fax: 01243 530677

E-mail: office@lavant.w-sussex.sch.uk

Website: www.lavant.w-sussex.sch.uk

5th September 2019

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the start of another school year, and an especially warm welcome to all our new children and families across the school. We hope everyone had a great summer and is feeling ready to make the most out of the new school year ahead. The teachers have, as always, worked really hard over the summer to make sure that the children have many exciting and memorable learning experiences over the weeks and months ahead.

Welcome Meetings and 'Drop in' sessions

We hope that all parents will be able to attend our welcome meetings. At the meeting the class teacher/s will be presenting their expectations for the coming year and there will be opportunities for generic questions. A film will be put on in Goldfinch room for children to watch for the duration of the meeting. Individual parent consultations will be held later in the term. It is really important that parents attend these meetings to ensure you are well informed about the term ahead. Each Welcome meeting will take place in your child's classroom and will be held straight after school.

Reminder of Welcome Meeting dates:

- Pheasant Class – Monday 9th September
- Woodpecker Class – Tuesday 10th September
- Robin Class – Wednesday 11th September

Parents of children in Wren Class: We will be sending you out a letter soon to invite you to a range of induction events including a maths and phonics session where you can find out about how your child will be developing their understanding of number and the complex process of learning to read. You are also warmly invited to a **'Six Weeks In' breakfast meeting on Tuesday 15th October** where you will find out how the first half term is going, gain a greater insight into life at primary school, and the support agencies available.

Healthy School – Wake up Wednesday



This year we are stepping up our commitment to growing healthy minds and healthy bodies. All children will continue to participate in 15 minutes of sustained exercise daily through our 15 minutes of fitness activities; daily mile, skipping, wake up shape up fitness routines and so on.

In addition this year, the whole school will have a strong focus on sport every Wednesday as each class will be taught by James Belding, our specialist sports coach from 'South Coast Sports'. James will also be running fitness clubs at lunchtimes that will have a different focus each term.

We are also re-launching West Sussex County Council's **'Walk once a Week' scheme (WOW) in which the children are encouraged to walk / bike / scoot to school every Wednesday**. Each Wednesday the children log how they have travelled to school and will be able to earn badges for taking healthy options of travel. We do hope you will support us in these initiatives and encourage your child in improving their fitness levels.

Swimming

The parents of children in Key Stage two are reminded that swimming money is now due for the term - £42.00. All details regarding swimming were sent home last term, but if you need another copy of this letter, please speak to Mrs. Creswick. The first swimming session is on Thursday 12th September.

Please remember all children must have their PE kits in school every day to enable them to participate in physical activities. PE Kits go home every Friday to be washed but must be returned to school on a Monday morning.

Breakfast Club

We are delighted that our school Breakfast Club is continuing to run on a daily basis between 8.00am and 8.50am. Please speak to the school office to book your child a place.

Yearly Reminders

School Uniform

It is fantastic to see all the children looking smart in their school uniform at the start of a new school year. To help you check that your child has the correct uniform I have included a brief reminder below.

Girls

- Grey pinafore dress/skirt
- Black / charcoal grey trousers (not tracksuit bottoms)
- Red check dresses / two piece culottes in summer
- White polo shirt
- Burgundy sweatshirt or cardigan (purchased from the school office)
- Grey or white socks, Grey or black tights (not patterned)
- Black/navy flat shoes

Boys

- Long or short charcoal grey trousers
- White polo shirt
- Burgundy sweatshirt (purchased from the school office)
- Grey socks, Black shoes (not patterned)

P.E. kit (boys and girls)

- Burgundy P.E. shorts
- White P.E. T-shirt
- Plimsolls/Trainers
- Maroon P.E. Bag

Swimming (KS2 only)

- One-piece Swimming costume/ Swimming Trunks
- Towel



Please note that footwear for boys and girls must be flat shoes (not boots and not trainers). Please ensure that all school uniform and PE kit is clearly named

Please also ensure that your child's hair cut / colour of hair is suitable for school and that all long hair is tied back at all times.

As and when you need to update uniform during the year, please speak to Mrs. Creswick in the school office. For further guidance on school uniform please refer to our school website.

Earrings

West Sussex guidelines state that pupils should only wear studs, not hoop earrings. If your child does wear earrings, please make sure they can take them out / put them in themselves for PE. If your child is unable to do this (or the earrings cannot yet come out) then please provide them with micro-pore tape to stick over the ears.





Coats

Although we are all hoping for an "Indian Summer" the weather can always be unpredictable. Please make sure your child has a coat every day even if it seems fine on the way to school. We try to get outside to play even if it isn't totally dry and so your child needs the assurance of a warm rainproof coat every day.

New water bottle

Every child in school has been given a new water bottle, kindly donated by the Friends of Lavant School. As usual, water bottles will be kept in school each week and all children will be able to fill them with fresh water as required. For hygiene reasons please ensure the bottles are taken home every Friday to be thoroughly washed before being returned to school on a Monday morning. Should you need to replace your child's bottle during the year they can be purchased from the school office for £1.50



Allergy information

Can we please remind you that nuts or food items containing nuts are **NOT** allowed in school. This includes peanut butter, chocolate spread and certain cereal bars. We appreciate your support in being extra careful when packing your child's lunchbox because we have children in the school who have a severe nut allergy.

Birthday Celebrations

Last year we started a new tradition at Lavant C.E. Primary School; every child may wear non-school uniform to school on their birthday. If their birthday falls at the weekend, or during a holiday they can wear non-school uniform on the Friday before. **Birthdays** are very exciting occasions, especially when you are growing up, and we want all children to feel special for the whole day. We ask however that you do not send in cakes, sweets, or other treats as teachers are not able to hand them out.

Assemblies

Parents are warmly invited to join us for our weekly Church assembly, led by Rev David Jarrett. These are held every Thursday morning at 9:10am from 12th September. We will be celebrating **Harvest on Friday 4th October**. Our service will be held in school and we will be asking for donations of food produce, preferably tins / packets. Our Year six children will be helping to distribute some of the Harvest produce around the Village on Monday 7th October.

We look forward to seeing you over the coming weeks. Please do remember that we have an open door policy. If you have a query about anything just ask. If it is class related please **ask your child's teacher**, otherwise **ask at the office or speak to me**.

Best Wishes

Adrian King

Learning together in faith - always 'Aiming for the best'

SOME KEY DATES FOR AUTUMN TERM 2019

September	
Friday 6 th	Sama Karate Assembly
Monday 9 th	Pheasant Welcome Meeting 3:15pm
Tuesday 10 th	Woodpecker Welcome Meeting 3:15pm
Wednesday 11 th	Robin Welcome Meeting 3:15pm
Thursday 12 th	First Church Assembly led by Rev David Jarrett – Parents welcome 9:10am First swimming session for Woodpecker and Pheasant Forest School for Year 1 begins Dance enrichment day for named children in Yrs 5/6
Tuesday 24 th	Friends AGM 7:00pm
Friday 27 th	Woodpecker Class visit to Butser Ancient Farm
Saturday 28 th	Jumble Sale at School
October	
1 st – 3 rd	Chichester locality Book Fest - Authors visiting school
Friday 4 th	Harvest Festival in school at 9:10am
Monday 7 th	Yr 6 children distributing Harvest gifts around Lavant
Saturday 12 th	Autumn Grounds Morning
Tuesday 15 th	'6 Weeks in' meeting for parents of reception children
Wednesday 16 th	Parents' Evening
Thursday 17 th	Parents' Evening
Friday 25 th	INSET DAY
Monday 28 th October – Friday 31 st October Half term	
November	
Monday 4th	INSET DAY
Thursday 7 th	Parents of children in Wren Class invited to observe a daily Phonics session Forest School for Year 2 begins
Friday 8 th	Friends Cake Sale 3:15pm
Friday 15 th	Children in Need Day
Tuesday 19 th	Parents of children in Wren Class invited to observe how children learn Mathematics in class
Friday 29 th	Non Uniform Day
Saturday 30 th	Christmas Fair
December	
Friday 6 th	Christmas Disco
Tuesday 17 th	Christmas Carol Service
Thursday 19 th	Christmas Music Assembly (am)
Friday 20 th	Last day of Autumn term

Key dates for this academic year.

Autumn term 2019

Monday 2 September – Friday 20 December

Half term: Monday 28 October - Friday 31 October

Spring term 2020

Thursday 6 January - Friday 3 April

Half term: Monday 17 February - Friday 21 February

Summer term 2020

Monday 20 April - Monday 20 July

Half term: Monday 25 May - Friday 29 May

INSET DAYS 2019-20

Monday 2 September 2019

Friday 25 October 2019

Monday 4 November 2019

Friday 14 February 2020

Monday 24 July 2018