



# Lavant

## C.E. Primary School

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Dear Parents

As a rather wet spring term comes to a close, we look forward to the dryer and warmer months that will hopefully arrive with the summer term. As ever, the last few weeks in school have been full of fun and exciting learning opportunities for all the children. We try to regularly upload photos and information about school life on our 'News' section of the school website and on our Instagram page so please take a look to keep up to date.

Robin Class enjoyed a fantastic trip to Portsmouth Aquarium on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March. This was a first for our school as we were able to take advantage of having access to the Bishop Luffa Minibuses, which greatly reduced the cost of the trip. Mrs Spencer was so proud of all the children



who were wonderful ambassadors for our school, showing impeccable behaviour, asking thoughtful questions and ensuring they got the most out of a wonderful learning experience. Well done Robins.



On the same day, back at school, our School Councillors and Mr Worne were busy painting colourful spots on noses to raise money for Comic Relief. The school was an array of colours and the children raised over £170 for this fantastic cause. Well done School Council.



Earlier this half term, we were very proud of our Dance House Team who confidently performed an energetic dance to Ed Sheeran's Dancing in the Rain. Led by Mrs Goman, the children travelled back and forth to Worthing Theatre for final rehearsals and, on the day, all the children overcame their pre-performance nerves, danced



with confidence and closed the dance festival with style. Well done Mrs Goman and our Dance Troupe.

### Early Years / Key Stage 1 outdoor learning area.

A huge thank you to Mrs Totman, The Friends, and all of the parent volunteers who have contributed towards the refurbishment of our EYFS/KS1 outdoor learning area. Our new outdoor learning area is now nearly complete and provides a fantastic space for the children to enjoy, explore and learn. With the addition of a new summer house and final planting in the coming weeks, the area will be in full operation for the summer term. A massive well done and thank you to all the children in Wren class who raised an amazing £850 through their class sponsored walk. All the money raised has been put towards plants and resources chosen by the children.



## Easter Sporting Challenge.

Following the success of our interhouse Kurling competition, Mrs Goman has set the children an Easter sports challenge. The challenge is open to all children and we would love to see some photos after the Easter break of children participating in the sport of their choice. Mrs Goman is also encouraging all children in Robin, Woodpecker and Pheasant Classes to make this a sponsored event, raising money to enable the school to buy our own Kurling set.



## Growing Passionate Readers



Reading plays a very important part of daily life in school and it was wonderful celebrating the joy of reading non-fiction books during World Book Day. Recent research by the National Literacy Trust has found that disturbingly 'children's reading enjoyment is at its lowest level in almost two decades'. At Lavant, we are working really hard to ensure this research does not reflect the attitudes of children at our school. We also know that being read to, and reading to an adult regularly at home, as well as at school, makes a significant difference to children's confidence and enjoyment of reading. If reading together is not a regular routine in your house, I urge you to make it a new habit, and there is no better time to start than the Easter holidays. Establishing positive reading habits together, or incorporating it into bedtime routines will have a huge impact on your child's attitude towards reading. This time does not need to be arduous or drawn out. Even a page a night, if appropriate, will pay huge dividends. Little and often is best.

## Our School Vision and Values

Over the past six months we have been carefully re-evaluating our school's Christian vision and values which underpins all we do and strive for on a daily basis. After much discussion with staff, governors, pupils and parents I am delighted to share with you our revised vision statement and values.

We are an inclusive and ambitious school at the heart of our local community. Our vision is to inspire and support every child (and adult) to aim for and achieve their very best, loving one another and '**living life in all its fullness**' (John 10:10).

### Understanding our school values:

**Love and Respect** – Christian love and respect are at the heart of all we do at our school, shaping our decisions and nurturing a strong sense of belonging. We show these by following Jesus' example, treating one another with compassion, kindness and empathy with a strong sense of gratitude.

**Hope and Joy** – We live life in all its fullness, showing positivity and having fun in all we do. We understand that faith gives us hope for now and our futures, and believe we can impact our world in a positive way. We look to find and celebrate hope and joy in all areas of our school life.

**Ambition** – At Lavant CE Primary School, we aim for our best in all we do. We are a small school with a big heart and we believe that we can all achieve amazing things if we approach our learning in the right way. We aim for every member of our school community to support one another to achieve their God-given potential.

**Curiosity** – Curiosity is key to our learning and spiritual development. We strive to be interested and inquisitive at all times, asking questions and searching for answers. We believe curiosity expands our minds and aids our spirituality.

**Resilience** – Through a growth mindset and perseverance, no obstacle is too big for us to overcome. Building our resilience, empowers us to meet challenges with positivity. We don't give up when faced with challenges; we approach life, and learning, with a positive, resilient attitude.

### **In other news...**

#### **Attendance**

Congratulations to Robin Class who have the highest attendance of the term (98.3%). This was closely followed by Pheasant Class with a collective attendance of 97.4%. We are hoping to say goodbye to the colds and coughs as the warmer weather approaches and hope to improve our overall school attendance which is currently lower than we would like at this time of year.

#### **Parent Drop Ins**

During the first week of the summer term, teachers will be holding their summer term overview meetings. These are important opportunities that enable parents to receive an outline of the learning opportunities teachers have planned for the term ahead and to hear about key events of the term. The termly overview meeting for each class will be held in your child's classroom directly after the end of the school day. Meetings are being held on the following days:

Monday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Woodpecker Class
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Robin Class
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Wren & Pheasant Classes

#### **School Clubs**

We have a number of school clubs planned for the summer term which will all start in the second week back. Details of each club will follow at the very start of the new term and for the first time, parents will be able to reserve places for their child using our new Arbor App.

On behalf of all the staff, I thank you all for your continued support this term.

**Wishing you all a fun and relaxing Easter break**



Adrian King

# Key Future dates for your diary

## Easter Holidays Start of Summer Term

## Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March - Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April

Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April	Woodpecker Class Termly Overview Meeting
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> April	Robin Class Termly Overview Meeting
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> April	Yr 4/5 attending Singing Festival at Chichester Cathedral
	Wren & Pheasant Class Termly Overview Meeting
Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> April	Friends Jumble Sale
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> April	Future Flyers for named children in Years 5 & 6
Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> April	KS2 Swimming Gala
<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Bank Holiday</b>
13 <sup>th</sup> - 17 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 National Curriculum Test Week
	Yrs 3,4 & 5 assessment week
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> May	Friends Meeting at 7pm
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	School summer Disco
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	Class photos

## 27<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> May

## Half term Break

## Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June

## INSET DAY – School closed for pupils

3 <sup>rd</sup> - 14 <sup>th</sup> June	Yr 4 multiplication check window
10 <sup>th</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 1 phonics check week
Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> June	Lavant Village Fete
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	Wren and Robin Classes visit to the Weald and Downland
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Key stage 1 Games Festival at Chichester University
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 Leavers Service at the Cathedral
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	School Sports Day
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	School Sports Day (reserve date)
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	School Production (Matinee Performance)
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	School Production (Evening Performance)
	Summer social following the performance
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Yr 6 leavers BBQ
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Leavers service at school
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Children break up for summer holidays