



Lavant

C.E. Primary School

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Dear Parents,

It is hard to believe we are already approaching our first half term break. It was great to see so many of you at parent consultations this week; thank you for your overwhelmingly positive feedback as to how useful and informative you find these meetings.

The children have been immersed in a number of creative learning experiences over the past few weeks and have particularly enjoyed a number of fantastic enrichment activities. I have included a very brief snapshot from each class.

Fire Crew visiting Wren class



Wren Class has had a very exciting visit from the Fire service. They learned about the job of a Fire Fighter: how they help us, what they wear, what tools are stored on a fire engine etc. They even went inside the fire engine and heard the siren. Finally they all had the opportunity to help direct the hose and feel the power of the water. They all had such fun.

Robin Class - The Day the Crayons Quit!



Robin Class came to school dressed in their favourite colours as an exciting hook for their current Learning Journey about the book: *The Day the Crayons Quit!* They read the story where the crayons had written letters to their owner, Duncan, to explain why they were quitting. The children have been learning colour mixing, talking about feelings and learning about writing letters. They have enjoyed thinking about facial expressions and the words we use to show our feelings too. Watch out for their assembly in November where they will be able to tell you more!



Woodpecker Class and the Secrets of St. Nicholas' Church

As a school we were asked to support our church with an exhibition to celebrate the opening of the church vault. Each class in the school focused on a different aspect of the church and Woodpecker Class based their learning on the stained glass windows. The children visited St Nicholas' Church and met with Rev. Dr David Jarrett.



First they were struck with how beautiful some of the patterns were in the east window behind the altar. They explored the symmetry in designs, and the colours, and used this as the inspiration for their own symmetrical rose windows. The children also loved the window that depicted St Nicholas. Back in class they studied figure and form and tried to draw people in proportion. It was trickier than they thought but they used their 'Growth Mindsets', to produce traditional Victorian style windows that showed St. George and the Dragon. Finally they learnt about how the windows told stories and how Jesus' life and death was depicted in the east window.

Pheasant Class



As part of their most recent Learning Journey, Pheasant class walked to Priory Park (and the Novium Museum) to learn all about the centenary celebrations of the park. Along with a visit from celebrated local author Chris Joyce, their challenge was to write an amazing story for the Novium Writing competition about "A Park Adventure". We can't wait to see who wins the competition!



Skipping Day



We recently had a fabulous whole school skipping day, led by Emily from a sports provider called "Dan the Skipping Man". Every child in school had a fabulous day, learning new skills with their "Growth Mindsets" firmly in place, and building their fitness. We will now add skipping to our list of fitness options we include in our "Fifteen Minutes of Fitness" every day and aim to be the best skippers we can be. Let's get skipping!

Harvest

It was great that so many of you were able to join us for our Harvest Festival this year. It was a lovely service and our children in Year 6 were wonderful ambassadors for our school when they delivered food hampers around the village. We have received a number of cards from local residents to say thank you.

Grounds Day

A huge **thank you to all the families and staff** who gave their time last Saturday to tidy and improve our school grounds. Your hard work makes such a difference. Our grounds are again looking fantastic with new trees planted, damaged equipment removed, gates fixed, and new raised beds in place.

THANK YOU



Breakfast Meeting for parents of children in Wren Class – Re-Scheduled

We do apologies for any inconvenience caused by having to postpone our six weeks in breakfast meeting for parents of children in Wren Class. This meeting has now been re-scheduled for **Thursday 1st November at 9.00am**. We hope you can make it to this important event to learn more about life in school and the support we are able to offer you and your child.

Staff News

A very warm welcome to Mrs. Claire Spencer who is joining our staff team after half term. Mrs. Spencer is well known to many of you and we are delighted that she is joining our crew of fantastic Teaching Assistants.

Parent Governors

We are also delighted to welcome two new members to our governing body. Miss Rachel Ellams and Miss Sally Steel have been elected as new parent Governors. We are very grateful to all our governors who effectively offer support and challenge to our school. Their dedication to the children of Lavant and in helping our school growth from strength to strength is hugely important to our development.

Safety and parking

A number of parents have recently spoken to me regarding children's safety at the start and the end of the school day. Part of the concern is parents are parking inconsiderately; partially blocking driveways, and crossings. This restricts views and makes it much more dangerous for children to cross the road. Please also note that, due to the size of the space, the school car park is reserved for staff parking only, unless special arrangements have been agreed. It is vital that we do all we can to ensure the safety of our children at the start and end of each day.



Individual photos

The photographers will be in school on Tuesday 13th November to take an individual photo of all the children. Please ensure your child is in their smartest uniform on that day. If you would like your pre-school child to come and have his or her photograph taken with their sibling then please wait in the hall at 9.00am.

Christmas Fair

Organisation is now well underway for our Christmas Fair which, this year, is being held on Saturday 1st December. We will be holding 2 donations day on 2nd and 30th November. On these days the children will be able to wear non-school uniform in return for bringing in items to the fair. Please do all make a real effort to support this excellent event which raises a huge amount of funds for our school, whilst getting everyone in the Christmas spirit.



Here's to a really fun and productive second half of the term!

Adrian King

See below for upcoming dates for your diary

KEY UPCOMING EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 29 th October	INSET Day – School closed to children
Wednesday 31 st October	Demonstration Phonics lesson for parents of children in Wren class
Thursday 1 st November	Re-scheduled six weeks in breakfast meeting for parents of children in Wren class
Friday 2 nd November	Non school uniform – Donations for Christmas Fair
Tuesday 13 th November	Individual school photos during the morning
Thursday 15 th November	Phonics workshop for parents – 2:30pm
Friday 16 th November	Children in Need – more information to follow shortly
Wednesday 21 st November	Demonstration Maths lesson for parents of Wren Class
Friday 30 th November	Non School Uniform Donations for Christmas Fair
Saturday 1 st December	School Christmas Fair
Friday 7 th December	Christmas Disco
Tuesday 11 th December	Christmas Carol Service at St Mary's Church at 5:30pm
Tuesday 18 th December	Christmas Music assembly (Please note change of date)
Wednesday 19 th December	Last day of the Autumn term

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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

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