



Lavant

C.E. Primary School

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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the start of another school year. I hope you enjoyed the amazing weather over the summer break and that your child is feeling fit and full of energy at the start of this new school year. A big welcome particularly to all new parents – I hope your child quickly settles in to Wren Class – they had a fantastic first morning today.



Summer work

The last 6 weeks have been very busy in school and we are delighted to be back occupying the whole school building once again. A huge thank you to everyone who has worked so hard to ensure the building was ready for the start of term. Particular thanks go to Miss Sally Steel (Vice Chair of Governors) and Mr Spencer Batty (Premise Officer) for all they have done during the restoration period. We also thank Business2Schools, a local charity, who has helped us refurbish much of the school with furniture and technology from national companies including 'Sony Entertainment' and the BBC.



Over the summer break, we have also had our flat roof replaced. The roofing contractors have worked tirelessly over the past six weeks, and are hoping to be off site by the end of this week, ready for our solar panels to be re-instated and scaffolding removed.

We thank you, our parent community, for your support and encouragement since our flood in February.

Reminder of autumn term welcome meeting dates:

We hope that you will be able to attend your child's class welcome meeting to ensure you are well informed about the term ahead. This is a great opportunity for you to meet your child's teacher and learn about their expectations for the coming year, the class routines, key learning journeys and special events that have been planned. There will also be opportunities for generic questions. Children are either welcome to stay during the meeting, or come with me to watch a film. Please do not allow your children to run around the grounds unsupervised during these meetings.

All welcome meetings will take place in your child's classroom directly at the end of the school day.

Pheasant Class	-	Monday 12 th September
Wren Class	-	Monday 12 th September
Robin Class	-	Tuesday 13 th September
Woodpecker Class	-	Thursday 15 th September

Individual parent consultations will be held for all children during the last week of this half term.

Swimming



15th September.

We are delighted that we are running swimming lessons for children in KS2 again this term. Thank you to all parents who have paid their contribution, but for any that haven't, this is a reminder that swimming money is now due for the term - £45.00. All details regarding swimming were sent home last term but if you need another copy of this letter, please speak to Miss Stenning. The first swimming session is on Thursday

Forest Schools

We will be running our forest school sessions again this term. This half term, children in year 1 will visit Lavant House Copse on a Thursday afternoon. A separate letter for parents/guardians of children in year one has been sent home today.



Breakfast Club

Our school Breakfast Club continues to run from 8am daily. (£4.50 for pre-booked places and £5 for ad hoc sessions, paid on the day). Thank you to those of you who have already booked places for your children; slots are filling up quickly so please book early to ensure you do not miss out.

School Clubs

Our range of before and after school clubs will be beginning again next week. Please watch out for a letter that will be coming out in the next couple of days with further information.

School Cleaner

We currently have a vacancy for a school cleaner. If this is something that you may be interested in please speak to a member of the office, Mr Batty, or myself.

Gentle Reminders

Road Safety

We continue to work with West Sussex highways to improve parking facilities / crossing points outside the school entrance and really value your cooperation in doing all you can to ensure the safety of children and families at the start and end of the school day.



Ways in which you can help.

- Please walk or cycle to school if you live close enough to do so.
- If coming by car, please consider parking in St Nicholas Road and walking through the allotments to West Stoke Road.
- If you have children in KS2 only, you may use our drop off service from 8:40am when the turning circle will be open and a member of staff will be on duty to welcome your child.
- If needing to park on west Stoke road, please be mindful not to block the pedestrian crossing point or neighbouring driveways.
- Please note, due to lack of space, parents are not permitted to use the staff carpark.

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/trousers
- White polo shirt
- Burgundy sweatshirt or cardigan (purchased from Game Set and Match)
- Red check dress / two piece culottes in summer
- Grey or white socks, Grey or black tights (not patterned)
- Black flat shoes

Boys

- Long or short charcoal grey trousers
- White polo shirt
- Burgundy sweatshirt (purchased from Game Set and Match)
- Grey socks (not patterned)
- Black shoes



P.E. kit (boys and girls)

- Black P.E. shorts
- Burgundy P.E. T-shirt
- Plimsolls/Trainers
- Maroon P.E. Bag
- Black / burgundy tracksuit bottoms and school sweatshirt/fleece. (In colder weather)

Swimming (KS2 only)

- One-piece Swimming costume/ Swimming Trunks
- Towel

A **School fleece** is also available from Game Set and Match, which may be worn over the school jumper in colder weather. Please note a fleece is not an alternative to a school jumper but an additional optional part of our school uniform.

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.

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

As today proved, our weather is often 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.

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.

New water bottle



Every child who has needed a replacement, 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 brought 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 £2.00. (lid only 50p)


BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

We recognise that birthday celebrations are very exciting occasions, especially when you are growing up and we want all children to feel special for the whole day. Therefore, at our school, it is a tradition that children are invited to wear their home clothes on their birthday. If their birthday falls at the weekend, or during a holiday, they can wear non-school uniform on the Friday before.

We look forward to seeing you over the coming weeks. 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.

Here's to an exciting year ahead!

Best Wishes



Adrian King

Working together in faith - always 'Aiming for the 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: