



Lavant

C.E. Primary School

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Christmas 2020



Dear Parents/Guardians,

As we come towards the end of a particularly challenging year, I wish you all a very safe and healthy Christmas.

Thank you to everyone who has shown great support of all we do here at Lavant and for all the encouragement and support you have given your children whilst learning at home. We are very much looking forward to being able to welcome back our parent and community helpers, who support both individuals and groups of children in school, as soon as current restrictions are relaxed in 2021.

Thank you also to our amazing staff team who have worked tirelessly since March to ensure we have continued to provide the highest provision for all our children and have continued to be a school where everyone is aiming for the very best for every one of our pupils.

Thank you to The Friends, who even without all their usual fundraising events have managed to raise over £1000 for the school this term. Please see the new termly Friends Newsletter for more details on the work of The Friends this term.

Attendance – Despite all the extra precautions, 45 children have amazingly achieved 100% attendance this term. Our overall attendance for all pupils has also been impressive at 97.1% as of last Friday. This is ironically higher than this time last year! I am very pleased to announce that the class with the highest attendance this term has been Robin Class. In line with the Chichester Locality Attendance policy, every child will bring home an attendance report at the end of next half term.

Spring Term Clubs – Sadly, we are still not able to run our full complement of before and after school clubs in the spring term but are really hopeful that we might be able to get back to some kind of normality by the time summer term arrives. Mr Belding will be running a multi-sports club for the first half of the spring term for children in Robin Class. A separate letter will be sent to all relevant parents.

Start and end of the school day. Changes to start time.

From the start of the spring term we are reverting back to our usual start times for the whole school. We will continue to operate the two entrances but both gates will be opened at 8:50am and all children must be in school ready to learn by 9am. At this point, both gates will be closed and any children arriving late will need to enter via the front office and parents will be required to sign the late book. We will continue to stagger the end of the day with Robins and Woodpecker Classes being dismissed at 3:05pm and Wrens and Pheasants finishing at our usual time of 3:15pm.

Christmas Carol Service gift. One of the many traditions we have really missed at school this year has been the opportunity to sing Christmas Carols together at our annual Carol service. This year, every child has kindly been donated a Christmas Carol Service DVD from Grace Church that you can watch in the comfort of your own home. Your child will bring the DVD home in their book bag by the end of the week.

Term Dates

Term finishes at normal time on Friday 18th December, and the spring term starts for the children on Monday 4th January 2020.

Website - Please remember that copies of all letters sent home can be found on our school website. www.lavant.w-sussex.sch.uk

We wish you all a safe, healthy and happy Christmas!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Adrian King". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'A'.

Adrian King