



# Lavant

## C.E. Primary School

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# Happy New Year !!

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to an exciting new school term. On behalf of all the staff a very big **THANK YOU** for all your generous Christmas wishes, cards and presents, they were very much appreciated.

## SPRING TERM OVERVIEW MEETINGS AND 'DROP IN' SESSIONS

As always, the first drop in session for each class will be led by teachers who will outline the exciting 'Learning Journeys' planned for the term ahead. Each meeting will be held in your child's class and will be take place straight after the children have been dismissed at 3:15pm. A film will be put on in Goldfinch room for children to watch whilst the meeting is taking place. We hope you will be able to attend these short meetings to help you prepare your child for the coming weeks at school and ensure you are well informed about the term ahead. Drop in sessions continue on a weekly basis and individual parent consultations will again be held later in the term.

## Termly Overview Meeting dates are as follows

Pheasant Class	Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> January
Wren and Woodpecker Class	Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> January
Robin Class	Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> January

Usual weekly 'Drop in' day is Tuesday for every class

## POLITE ANNUAL REMINDERS

It is customary at this time of year that many of us make New Year's Resolutions; to set ourselves goals or to improve an aspect of our lives. Below are my **annual reminders** of important school routines and expectations that, you, or your child, may like to focus on in the coming months.

## UNIFORM

Please ensure that your child has all the required uniform (including full PE kit) in school every day. Our policy clearly states that **sensible black or navy flat shoes** are part of the school uniform requirements. Boots and shoes of other colours are not acceptable footwear.

If your child does not have the correct uniform please ensure you notify the school in writing.

The only jewellery allowed in school is stud earrings (no hoops, necklaces or bracelets). This is for health and safety reasons. Studs need to be removed / taped for PE. If your child is unable to do this themselves then earrings are to be left at home that day.

A full list of our school uniform can be found on the school website. Thank you for your co-operation.

## ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to those children who went home with a 100% attendance certificate at Christmas. Attendance letters for all children will be sent home in the next couple of weeks as we continue to monitor the attendance of all children. Every day in school counts, so please ensure that your child does not miss out on vital learning in class. Please remember that all absences must be reported to the school office on each morning of absence by 9:15am.



## ARRIVAL AT SCHOOL

Please remember that, unless attending a Breakfast club, all children must **enter school via the side gate**, and must be in class ready for learning by 9.00am. All children arriving after 9 o'clock and entering via the main doors must be **accompanied by an adult**. The late book must be signed and a reason for lateness given. Children attending breakfast club or another morning club **must not be left until the official start time of the club**. Although we welcome parents of our youngest children into school in the mornings, please can buggies and prams be left outside whenever possible.

## HEALTHY LIVING

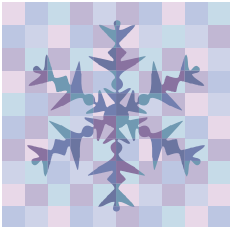


**Drinking more water** - Every child was kindly given a new water bottle last September and this must be in school every day to enable them to drink regularly and keep their brain hydrated. All bottles must be taken home every weekend for a thorough wash. New bottles can be purchased for £1.50 from the school office if you need a replacement. **Please note that water bottles must be filled with water, not squash/juice.**

**REDUCING THE AMOUNT OF SUGAR** - This week's news headlines claim that 'Children in the UK exceed the maximum recommended sugar intake for an 18-year-old by the time they are 10, according to experts'. Recent research suggests that half of children's sugar intake comes from unhealthy snacks and sugary drinks, leading to obesity and dental decay. A recent government survey found that on average, children are consuming at least three unhealthy snacks and sugary drinks a day, with around a third consuming four or more. Remember that sweets / chocolate are not encouraged in lunchboxes at school. Try out some healthy alternatives this year!



## BEING PREPARED FOR WINTER WEATHER



Please ensure that your child is properly equipped for cold weather this winter by wearing a warm and waterproof coat. All children are allowed to play on the school field during lunchtimes as long as they have an old pair of tracksuit bottoms and an old pair of trainers/wellingtons in school. We believe in children getting lots of fresh air and keeping active all year round.

We will always try and keep the school open on snowy days. If in doubt, please check our school website [www.lavant.w-sussex.sch.uk](http://www.lavant.w-sussex.sch.uk) for regular updates, or listen to the local radio for school closure news (Spirit FM, Radio Solent or BBC Southern Counties). On Snowy days, wellingtons are essential to keep your child's feet dry.

## STAFFING UPDATE

Mrs. Ann Russell has informed me that she will be retiring at the beginning of March. Mrs. Russell has been an extremely valuable member of the Lavant team for over 20 years and we thank her for the huge difference she has made to the lives of so many children and families at our school. Mrs. Russell will be greatly missed by us all but we wish her all the best for her retirement.

## GOLDEN LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES (G.L.O)

We will be running a range of Golden Learning opportunities again on a Friday afternoons in the second half of term. We will need many helpers to run / support small groups activities so please look out for further information as to how you can be involved in the next couple of weeks.

## SCHOOL CLUBS

Every effort is put into ensuring we offer a rich menu of extra-curricular clubs running before, during and after school. Whilst sadly we have to pass on the cost of some of these clubs to parents, a number are financed by the school or are run voluntarily by school staff. Over recent months we have noticed a growing trend of children dipping in and out of clubs rather than showing commitment. If your child is offered a place in any school club, please can you ensure regular attendance, and notify the teacher running the club if your child is unable to attend. A letter outlining all clubs on offer this term will be sent home at the very beginning of next week.

## WEEKLY DIARY DATES

Please do remember to check weekly diary dates to keep yourselves up to date!

Here's to an exciting term ahead,



Mr Adrian King

*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:*

## KEY DATES FOR SPRING TERM 2019

January	
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Pheasant Class Welcome meeting 3:15pm
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup>	First Forest School session for children in Year 4 Wren & Woodpecker Class Welcome meeting 3:15pm
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Robin Class Welcome meeting 3:15pm
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Zumba Club – Dance assembly 9:10am – Parents welcome KS2 visit to Chichester Festival Theatre
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Wren Class Assembly 9:10am – all parents welcome GAS - Japanese Enrichment Day for named children Forest School session for children in Year 4
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Chichester Locality Gifted and Talented sports event for named children
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Forest School session for children in Year 4
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Full Governing Body Meeting 5:20pm
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Chichester Locality Cross Country run for children in Yrs 5 & 6
Thursday 31 <sup>st</sup>	Forest School session for children in Year 4
February	
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Forest School session for children in Year 4
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	<b>National Safer Internet Day 2019</b> E-Safety workshop for children in Yr 6 at West Dean Primary Safety meeting for parents 6-7pm at Lancastrian Infant School
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Forest School session for children in Year 4
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Friends Cake Sale 3:15pm
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Parent consultation meetings: 3:30 – 6pm</b>
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Forest School session for children in Year 4 <b>Parent consultation meetings: 3:30 – 6pm</b>
<b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>INSET DAY – School Closed</b>
<b>18<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>HALF TERM HOLIDAY</b>
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Woodpecker Class assembly 9:10am</b> Chichester Road Races for children in years 5 & 6 at 6:30pm
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup>	First Forest School session for children in Year 3
March	
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Golden Learning Opportunity for all children 1:30pm
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup>	World Book Day 2019 – Author visiting for the day Forest School session for children in Year 3
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Golden Learning Opportunity for all children 1:30pm
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup>	11:10am – Recorder Ensemble performing at Chichester Festival for music, dance and speech.
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Chichester Road Races for children in years 5 & 6 at 6:30pm
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Forest School session for children in Year 3 <b>School Book Fair 3:15pm</b>
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Golden Learning Opportunity for all children 1:30pm <b>School Book Fair 3:15pm – School Library</b>
Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Friends Jumble Sale at Lavant CE Primary School
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Forest School session for children in Year 3
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Golden Learning Opportunity for all children 1:30pm
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Dance House performance – Alexandra Theatre
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Full Governing Body Meeting 5:20pm
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Chichester Road Races for children in years 5 & 6 at 6:30pm
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Forest School session for children in Year 3
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Friends - Mother's Day Sale Golden Learning Opportunity for all children 1:30pm
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Forest School session for children in Year 3
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Egg Hunt organised by the Friends Easter Service at St Nicholas Church 2.00pm – all parents welcome

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April      Start of Summer term for children**