



Lavant

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Dear Parents,

It is hard to believe we are already approaching our first half term break. Over the past few weeks, our children have been immersed in a number of creative learning experiences and have particularly enjoyed the reintroduction of a number of fantastic enrichment activities



Well done to our children in Wren Class who have all thrown themselves into school life. They all settled so quickly at the start of the term and we are so pleased to have them in our school. We look forward to seeing each child in Wren class flourish over the coming months and years.

Pheasant Class visit to CYE

At the end of September Pheasant Class had a fabulous few days at Christian Youth Enterprise Activity Centre. The children had so much fun and rose to the challenge of tunneling, rafting, climbing and learning the skills of Archery Tag. Well done to the Pheasants for showing the fabulous behavior we love to see from our pupils. We were so proud of all the children who were an absolute credit to our school.



Bleaches of Lavant

On Monday 11th October we were visited by Mick Bleach from 'Bleaches of Lavant' who came to talk to the children about the 100th year anniversary of their haulage company. The children learned about the history of this successful local company and loved seeing one of the lorries finely painted in the 100th year anniversary colours.

Book Fest 4th – 8th October

The children had a great week being inspired by a range of fabulous books and a number of visits from established authors. Every session was incredibly inspiring, as the authors shared their stories about their inspirations and their journeys from inspiration to publication. We thank Mrs Totman for all of her hard work organising this wonderful opportunity for each of our classes.



Harvest

We were so disappointed not to be able to allow you to join us for our Harvest Festival this year. However, it was a lovely service and, thanks to your very kind donations, we sent a huge amount of food to the Chichester Food Bank.

Grounds Day

A huge **thank you to all the families** who gave their time to tidy and improve our school grounds. Your hard work makes such a difference. Our grounds are again looking fantastic with new flowers planted, damaged equipment removed, gates fixed, and sheds repaired. **THANK YOU.**

House Teams Relaunch

Today, we relaunched our House Teams with a brand new slant. No longer will our house teams be named after trees located in our school grounds, but every year we will have a different set of inspirational people which our four house teams will be named after. This year, we have decided to start with a sports theme, and have chosen the following four names to motivate and inspire our children: Tom Daley, Emma Wiggs (a local Paralympian), Emma Radacanu and Marcus Rashford. The children in each house have already spent some time getting to know a bit about the person their house is named after, and more house teams assemblies and events will be happening soon, in which each house will challenge themselves with their teamwork, perseverance and many other learning attributes.

Staff News

Today a very important member of our school team is retiring, and while she will be sorely missed, we are very excited to see Gertie Russell, our school premises officer enjoy all that retirement has to offer. We wish Gertie all the best and thank her immensely for all of the hard work and dedication she has shown Lavant Primary School, our staff team and our pupils over the best part of half a century.



We are delighted to welcome Mr Spencer Batty to our team who is taking over from Gertie on 1st November as our school premises officer and will continue to ensure our school, and grounds are kept looking fabulous.



After thirteen years teaching in Wren Class, Mrs Yelland will be retiring at Christmas. Mrs Yelland has taught nearly every child in our school and will be greatly missed. We thank her for all she has brought to our school for so many years. We understand how sad children in Wren class will be to say goodbye to Mrs Yelland but we are thrilled that Mrs Ali Totman has agreed to become our new full time Wren Class teacher. We are looking forward to welcoming Mrs. Ruth Stack in January, who will be teaming up with Mrs Jenkinson to continue the provision of fabulous learning opportunities in Robin Class.

Parent Governors

We are also delighted to welcome a new member to our governing body. Mrs Jenny Lindfield has been elected as new a parent Governor. Miss Sally Steel has also kindly agreed to serve on our Governing Body for a second term and has been elected Vice Chair for this coming year. 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 grow from strength to strength is hugely important to our development.

Safety and parking

We are continuing to work with West Sussex Highway department to make improvements to parking and safety at the front of the school. A number of people have recently spoken to me again regarding children's safety at the start and the end of the school day. Part of the concern is parents are parking illegally / inconsiderately, either partially blocking driveways and crossings or parking on the zigzag lines. This restricts views and makes it much



more dangerous for children to cross the road. Please can we all ensure we are doing our utmost to ensure the safety of everyone as we arrive and leave school.

Individual photos

The photographers will be in school on Tuesday 16th November to take an individual photo of all the children. Please ensure your child is in their smartest uniform on that day. Sadly, as last year, the company is only taking photographs of individual children and are not offering the option of siblings being photographed together.

Poppies

In the lead up to Remembrance Day, poppies will be available in the school entrance for the children (and yourselves) to purchase for a small donation.

Winter Ready



As the winter months approach, please remember to send your child to school with an appropriate warm waterproof coat for playtimes. We encourage children to be active at school and allow children to use our field as much as possible over the winter period. If you would like your child to be able to play on the field during lunchtimes, please ensure, if they wish to play sport, they have a pair of old tracksuit bottoms that can be worn over their school uniform. All children using the field must have pair of suitable trainers or wellies to wear. Field clothing must be taken home each weekend to be washed.

COVID-19 update

With cases of COVID continuing to be high nationally, and particularly high in a number of local schools, we are continuing to be vigilant at school. High emphasis on washing hands regularly is ongoing and all of our teaching spaces continue to be well-ventilated. If you or your child displays any of the COVID-19 symptoms, please inform the school office without delay and arrange for a PCR test to be taken before sending your child into school. In addition to COVID cases, we are also seeing a surge of colds and bugs around school. Please can I remind you that child must not return to school within 48 hours of vomiting.

Christmas Fair

We are delighted that we are planning to re-instate our Christmas Fair in December. Due to the pandemic, our fair this year will be an outside Christmas wonderland. More information will follow soon. The event will be held on Saturday 4th December so please save the date in your diary. We will be holding 2 donations day on Friday 19th November and Friday 3rd December. 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!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Adrian King".

Adrian King

KEY UPCOMING EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 1 st November	INSET Day – School closed to children
Friday 5 th November	Woodpecker Class visit to Butser Farm
Saturday 6 th November	Friends Jumble sale
Friday 12 th November	Children in Need Day. More details to follow shortly.
Tuesday 16 th November	Individual school photos during the morning
Friday 19 th November	Non school uniform – Donations for Christmas Fair School disco
Monday 22 nd November	Pheasant Class visit to D-day museum
Tuesday 23 rd November	Small school's football tournament
Friday 3 rd December	Non School Uniform Donations for Christmas Fair
Saturday 4 th December	School Winter Wonderland Christmas Fair
Friday 17 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

Name:

Comment: