



Lavant

C.E. Primary School

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Dear Parents

Friday 18th February

I am so sorry for any inconvenience caused by the school remaining closed today. Due to the red weather warning which includes a 'risk of flying debris resulting to danger to life' a directive was given to all West Sussex Headteachers instructing us to keep our schools closed.

It was so encouraging to see parents back in school this week looking at children's books. We had a very strong take up of parent consultations, and I thank you all for your cooperation in meeting with your child's teacher via zoom. We are hoping that this will be the last time that parent evenings will be held in this way and, as COVID rates are finally again falling, we will also be continuing to rollout our usual wealth of exciting enrichment activities. One step we are taking in our return to normality is to revert to one entry and exit point into the school grounds. Therefore, from 1st March the green gates leading directly onto the school field will not be opened at the start or end of the school day. Please can all parents and children enter via the wooden gates adjacent to the school hall.

Although January and February are not the most exciting months of the year, that hasn't stopped our children engaging in many exciting Learning Journeys at school. The children in Pheasant class discovered a dragon's egg hidden in the school grounds that led them into learning all about adaptation and evolution. Woodpecker Class have been exploring the life of wolves and their habitats, whilst Key stage one have been helping Cinderella find the best material to make a waterproof coat. Children in Wren class have made the most of frosty mornings, learning all about the weather, whilst also writing stories for Baby Bear's bedtime.

Collective Worship/school assemblies

As a church school, a special part of each day is when we come together for our daily act of collective worship. This ½ term, our weekly themes have included thankfulness, forgiveness, humility, friendship, equality and diversity. We are very grateful for the links we have with local churches and thank Mrs Frances Talbot from Lavant Church who visits us each Thursday to lead our Church assembly. We also thank Mr Hindman and students from Bishop Luffa School, Andy Morgan from Chichester Baptist Church and James Nichols from Emmanuel Church who regularly visit us to lead our worship time together.



Music Lessons



We are delighted that we now have 17 children learning to play a musical instrument in school including the keyboard, piano, guitar and drums. It is a wonderful skill to be able to play an instrument and it is fantastic to see the children developing their musical talents, and growing in confidence, week by week. If you are interested in finding out about how to book and pay for your child's music instrument lessons, please ask in the school office.

Cross Country Run

On 9th February, 11 children from Pheasant Class competed in the annual Chichester Locality Cross Country Run. The event, held at Bishop Luffa School, was well attended with nearly 300 children from across our local primary schools running 1,500km. Our children were great ambassadors for our school and gave it their all. We were very proud of them. A particular well done must be given to Frank Clark who was selected to represent our area at county level and will compete in the county race later this term.



Dance House 2022

Children in Dance club are currently busy preparing for a Dance Show on 9th March at 7.15pm at the Alexandra Theatre, Bognor Regis. Please contact The Alexandra Theatre, Bognor Regis Box Office on 01243 861010 to book your tickets now for what I know will be a wonderful performance.

Growing passionate Readers



We are committed to growing confident and passionate readers at our school and thanks to a very generous donation, each class has recently purchased £100 of new books to inspire and engage the children in their reading journey. A huge thank you also to a number of parents who have very kindly purchased books from our Amazon wish list to help us keep our books relevant and exciting for our children to read. Reading is such an important life skill and it is vital that children develop positive reading habits at home as well as in school. We are very aware that some parents find it particularly challenging to find the time to read with their children on a regular basis at home due to work and family commitments. We are therefore hoping to recruit a band of volunteers who may be able to offer their time to provide children with additional opportunities to read with an adult during the school day. (Volunteering could range from 10 minutes a day, an hour or afternoon each week). If you have a passion for helping children to read and would be interested in being part of a team of volunteers to listen to readers, please let Mrs Totman or myself know. We will be running a training session for anyone who wishes to be involved on Tuesday 8th March at 2.30pm.

On the subject of reading, do not forget that we will be celebrating 'World Book Day on 1st March (The first day back after the half term break). On this day, your child may dress up as their favourite character from a book and bring in the book to share with the class. During the day, we will be celebrating reading in classes across the school and sharing lots of books too.

Quick Reminders / Notices

Lip balm.

During the cold weather a number of children suffer from chapped lips. I am happy for children to bring in '**Non flavoured**' lip balm into school, that can be kept in their tray. Please do remind your child however, that they are not to share a lip balm with other children in school.

Nuts

Please remember we are a nut free school and do have children with nut allergies in school. Children must not have not have nuts or nut based products in their lunchboxes. This includes Nutella Chocolate Spread.

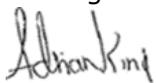
Bullying

We are very pleased that incidents of bullying are very rare at our school. If however, any child reports that they, or another child, may be being bullied, this is something we take very seriously. Children are able to report any concern they have to any adult in school who will always listen to them and take any concerns seriously. All children involved are spoken to and full accounts of any accusations are listened to and acted upon. If the situation is considered to be of a bullying nature, parents of all children involved are contacted and we work together to find a swift resolution to the problem. All staff are made aware of ongoing concerns and are vigilant in monitoring relationships in class and on the play ground.

As the days are finally getting longer again and spring will soon be here, we can all look forward to a really creative, fun and learning packed rest of the spring term.

I hope you have a lovely half term break with your children.

Kind regards



Adrian King

Key Upcoming Dates

Book Character Dress Up day	Tuesday 1st March
KS1 visit to Blue Reef Aquarium	Thursday 3 rd March
Chichester Road Races	Wednesday 2 nd , 16 th & 30 th March
Parent Helper Reading Workshop	Tuesday 8 th March
Dance House performance	Wednesday 9 th March
Reception NHS Health Check	Thursday 10 th March
Friends Jumble sale	Saturday 12 th March
Bikeability for children in Year 6	W/B 21 st March
Pheasant Class visiting Dell Quay	Thursday 24 th March
Friends Mother's Day Sale	Friday 25 th March
Easter Service & Last Day of Spring Term	Friday 8 th April

First day of Summer term

Monday 25th April

Weekly Diary Dates

Please do remember to check weekly Diary Dates to keep yourself up to date!

If you have any ideas or 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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Comment: