



# Lavant

## C.E. Primary School

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

As a busy spring term comes to a close it is a good time to reflect on the exciting learning that has taken place in school over the past few weeks. Although it already seems a long time ago, the school enjoyed a fun-filled world book day and everybody looked fantastic in their book character outfits. World Book Day was shortly followed by our visiting author, Gareth Jones who expertly entertained and inspired our children to become budding young authors. Our children have participated in a wide range of activities over the course of the term, including Ted Talks, Dance House, VR days, Comic relief fundraising and more, which all contributes to enabling all our children to 'Live life in all it's fullness' (John 10:10). Please see below for a snapshot of learning which has taken place in each class this term.



### Wren Class

Wrens have had a magnificent term of learning and have enjoyed a trip to the Dockyard in Portsmouth. They have sorted and classified, using this skill to create some knolling art. They have made bread and then written stories based on the Little Red Hen. We have begun to plant in our outdoor area and have enjoyed learning outside with the weather being so lovely. This week we have made Easter nests and the reception children have made Easter Gardens. The Year 1 children have been twisting and plaiting and weaving to create some box art. Our week will finish with a dance performance to Moana!

### Robin Class



What an amazing Spring Term it has been in Robin Class! Our young adventurers have explored the local Lavant landscapes and the decks of HMS Warrior at Portsmouth Dockyard, uncovering historical and geographical knowledge. Bubbling with excitement in our Science led learning journey, the children created bath bombs at 'Soapy and Bubbly'. In our own enchanting woodland, their creativity flourished as they brought to life a traditional tale, weaving rhythm and movement into their performances. Through the power of drama, they have

also journeyed through the events of Holy Week. We would like to say a huge thank you to all of the adult volunteers who made these events possible.

## Woodpecker Class



It has been a fun-filled spring term in Woodpecker class, where the children have been very busy! We started off the term with a local visit to Tuppenny barn. The children had the chance to source local ingredients and practise their cooking skills, before making their very own biscuits to share with parents along with their very own original story! After half term we became detectives and were tasked with discovering who had vandalised Pearl the plant. And to top it all off, we had a fantastic VR experience taking us back to Ancient Egypt!

## Pheasant Class

Learning has continued at pace in Pheasant Class, one of the highlights of this term being a fantastic Learning Journey on Earth and Space in which the children really threw themselves into their scientific learning. A day at the South Downs Planetarium happened to coincide with some beautifully clear evenings when a host of planets were visible in the night sky, and it was a super informative trip for all involved. Our Learning Journey then finished with an amazing VR workshop in which the children travelled deep into outer space to continue their learning, and a fun-filled Space Museum in which friends and family were invited to share in the children's learning in class.



## Running Team

Well done to our Inter-schools running team who took to the streets of Chichester over three Wednesday evenings. This is always a favourite event and this year our children did us proud as they threw themselves into each race with a smile on their faces and determination to better their time each week. A huge thank you also to 'The Friends' who kindly funded fantastic new bright sports tops which made our runners so much easier to spot.



## Easter at Lavant



During Lent we have been focusing on the life of Jesus and the events leading up to his death on the cross. We continue to be thankful for our fortnightly visits from Bishop Luffa students and the 'Open the Book' team from Chichester Baptist Church. This week our children have enjoyed the peace and tranquillity of our annual prayer space. Throughout the week, children have had the opportunity to participate in a number of reflective and interactive prayerful activities throughout the day and we are extremely

grateful to Mrs Karen Crossley, Frances Talbot and their team of volunteers from Lavant Church who have kindly been available to support the children in these activities.





We are regularly uploading photos and information about school life on our 'News' section of the school website and on Instagram. Please do take a look to keep up to date about daily exciting events in school, and please do give us your feedback.

### Attendance

A huge thank you and well done for ensuring your children are in school every day. This term, we have reached a fantastic milestone of 97% attendance which is a school attendance figure we have not seen since the pandemic. Children's attendance at school has been a national concern over the past few years and we are delighted to be significantly above national attendance figures at our school. A huge thank you also to all parents who are working with us to ensure learning is not disrupted by taking holidays during term time. We appreciate this often has financial impact but thank you for prioritising your child's education.

### Summer Term Curriculum Overview letters

During the first week of the summer term, look out for your child's curriculum overview letter that teachers will be sending home. If you wish to speak to your child's teacher at any time please remember that we have an open door policy and parents are welcome to drop in any day after school if you wish to chat to your child's teacher or to have a look at some learning that your child is particularly proud of. Please try not to speak at length to teachers in the morning as they are needed in class.

As we look forward to the warmer summer months ahead in school we also wish you all a lovely break with your family over Easter.

### Key Future dates for your diary

#### Easter Holidays

#### Start of Summer Term

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May

12<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> May

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May

#### 26<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> May

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> June

9<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> June

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> June

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> June

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> June

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> June

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July

#### Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April – Monday 21<sup>st</sup> April

#### Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April

Whole School Wellbeing Walk

The Friends Quiz Night

Y6 National Curriculum Tests and KS2 assessment week

Year 1 parents Phonics information meeting

Chichester Locality Swimming Gala

Y5/6 *Relationships & Sex Education* Zoom Meeting for Parents

Whole School Curling Competition

#### Half term

Class photos

Lavant's Got Talent night

Year 1 phonics check and year 4 multiplication check

Lavant Village Fete

School Sports Day

Year 6 Leavers Service at the Cathedral

GAS Schools Sports Day (*Named Children only*)

*School Exhibition and Summer Social*

Leavers service at school

Children break up for summer holidays

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> & Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July**

**INSET Days**

On behalf of all the staff, I thank you all for your continued support this term.

**Wishing you all a fun and relaxing Easter break**



Adrian King