



Lavant

C.E. Primary School

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Dear Parents/Guardians

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 classroom and will take place straight after the children have been dismissed at 3:15pm. A film will be put on in Goldfinch room for children in Wren and Robin Classes 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.

Termly Overview Meeting dates are as follows

Pheasant Class	Monday 13 th January
Wren Class	Tuesday 14 th January
Robin Class	Thursday 16 th January
Woodpecker Class	Friday 17 th January

ANNUAL POLITE REMINDERS

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.**

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 on PE days. Thank you for your co-operation.

If your child does not have the correct uniform please ensure you notify the school in writing. A full list of our school uniform is on the school website.

ATTENDANCE

Every day in school counts, so please ensure that your child does not miss vital learning in class. Please remember that you must contact the school office on each morning of absence by 9:15am. Each child will receive a letter at the end of this half term showing their individual attendance figures for the first half of the year.

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 provided with water bottle last September and this must be in school every day to ensure your child remains hydrated throughout the day. 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 SUGER

Last term we saw a significant increase of the amount of sugary foods children had in their lunch boxes. Many children in the UK exceed the maximum recommended sugar intake and research suggests that half of children's sugar intake comes from unhealthy snacks and sugary drinks, leading to obesity, dental decay and even an increased risk of Cancer. Remember that sweets / chocolate are not allowed 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 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.

GOLDEN LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES (G.L.O)

We will be running a range of Golden Learning opportunities again on Friday afternoons in the second half of term. We will need many helpers to run / support small group 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.

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 2020

January	
Tuesday 7 th	Robin Class visit to Chichester Cathedral
Thursday 9 th	First Forest School session for children in Year 3
Monday 13 th	Pheasant Class Welcome meeting 3:15pm
Tuesday 14 th	Wren Class Welcome Meeting 3:15pm Friends Meeting 7pm – School Library
Wednesday 15 th	9am: Pheasant Class rehearsal for United Voices @ Parklands School
Thursday 16 th	9:10am First Church Assembly of 2020 – All parents welcome Forest School session for children in Year 3 Robin Class Welcome meeting 3:15pm
Friday 17 th	Woodpecker Class Welcome Meeting 3:15pm
Tuesday 21 st	Future Flyers for named children in Year 5 & 6
Wednesday 22 nd	9am: Pheasant Class rehearsal for United Voices @ CFT Pheasant Class performing at United Voices @ CFT
Thursday 23 rd	9:10: Church Assembly – All welcome Forest School session for children in Year 3
Tuesday 28 th	Full Governing Body Meeting 5:20pm
Wednesday 29 th	Chichester Locality Cross Country run for children in Yrs 5 & 6
Thursday 30 th	9:10: Church Assembly – All welcome Forest School session for children in Year 3
February	
Tuesday 4 th	Robin Class visit to Blue reef Aquarium Portsmouth
Thursday 6 th	9:10: Wren Class Assembly – All welcome Forest School session for children in Year 3
Friday 7 th	Friends Quiz Night
Monday 10 th	E-Safety workshop for children in Yr 6
Tuesday 11 th	National Safer Internet Day 2020 Pheasant Class visit to Chichester Harbour Conservancy Internet Safety meeting for parents 6-7pm at Lancastrian Infant School
Wednesday 12 th	Parent consultation meetings
Thursday 13 th	Parent consultation meetings 9:10: Church Assembly – All welcome Forest School session for children in Year 3 Friends Cake Sale 3:15pm
Friday 14 th	INSET DAY – School Closed for children
17 th – 21 st HALF TERM HOLIDAY	
Wednesday 26 th	Chichester Road Races for children in years 5 & 6 at 6:30pm
Thursday 27 th	9:10: Woodpecker Class Assembly – All welcome First Forest School session for children in Year 4
Friday 28 th	First Golden Learning Opportunity for all children 1:30pm
March	
Thursday 5 th	World Book Day 2020 – Further information to follow Forest School session for children in Year 4
Friday 6 th	Golden Learning Opportunity for all children 1:30pm
Saturday 7 th	Friends Jumble Sale at Lavant CE Primary School
Wednesday 11 th	Future Flyers for named children in Yrs 5 & 6 Chichester Road Races for children in years 5 & 6 at 6:30pm
Thursday 12 th	9:10: Church Assembly – All welcome Forest School session for children in Year 4
Friday 13 th	Golden Learning Opportunity for all children 1:30pm
Thursday 19 th	9:10: Pheasant Class Assembly – All welcome Forest School session for children in Year 4
Friday 20 th	Friends - Mother's Day Sale Golden Learning Opportunity for all children 1:30pm
Monday 23 rd	23rd – 27th Year 6 Bikeability week (All children in year 6 need a bike in school all week) Dance House Rehearsal & performance – Alexandra Theatre
Tuesday 24 th	Full Governing Body Meeting 5:20pm
Wednesday 25 th	Chichester Road Races for children in years 5 & 6 at 6:30pm
Thursday 26 th	9:10: Church Assembly – All welcome Forest School session for children in Year 4
Friday 27 th	Golden Learning Opportunity for all children 1:30pm
Monday 30 th	Woodpecker and Pheasant Classes to visit Sea City Museum - Southampton
April	
Thursday 2 nd	Last Forest School session for children in Year 4
Friday 3 rd	Easter Egg Hunt organised by the Friends Easter Service at St Nicholas Church 2.00pm – all parents welcome

Monday 20th April Start of Summer term for children