



# Lavant

## C.E. Primary School

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# Happy New Year

7<sup>th</sup> January 2022

## Dear Parents,

First, I thank you on behalf of the staff team for the Christmas cards and presents that we received – you were very generous and your kindness was very much appreciated. Your children have had a great start to the new term, one which I hope will be very productive and full of exciting learning opportunities. We welcome Mrs Ruth Stack (Robin class teacher) and Mrs Louise Smith (Woodpecker Class teacher) this term and are delighted to have them join our team.

## Curriculum overviews

Due to the continuing high rates of COVID in the community, we will not be holding our usual curriculum overview meetings this term, but please look out for your child's class Curriculum Overview letter which will be coming home in the next few days. Please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher if you need to chat anything through in more detail.

## Music Instrument Lessons

We are delighted to be launching a new partnership with 'Inclusive Movement and Music' this term who are providing individual / small group instrument lessons on a Tuesday afternoon. If this is something that you would be interested in for your child but have not yet signed up, please use the link below to book your lessons

<https://inclusivemusicandmovement.weebly.com/>

## Annual New Year reminders

Below are a few annual reminders of important school routines and expectations that, if we all work together, help school life run smoothly.

Please remember it is vital that all children are in class ready for learning by **9.00am**. All children arriving after 9 o'clock must enter via the main doors **accompanied by an adult**. The late book must be signed and a reason for lateness given. Some mornings parents have important information to pass on to the school. If this is the case please ensure you arrive slightly earlier to catch the class teacher, or alternatively, inform the school office. Please do not put teachers in an awkward situation by trying to have a long conversation with them when the children are entering the classroom as teachers need to be free during this time to concentrate on their class and to ensure the first session is started by 9.00am. If a longer conversation is needed do not hesitate to catch a teacher after school, when more time is available.



**Absence** – If your child is absent from school for any reason please ensure you telephone the school office by 9:15 each morning of absence. Please continue to be very vigilant regarding any symptoms of COVID-19. We are continuing to encourage all families to take a lateral flow test twice a week. If your child has symptoms, or tests positive on a LFT, do not send them to school. Please following the latest advice that can be found on the government COVID-19 website. <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>



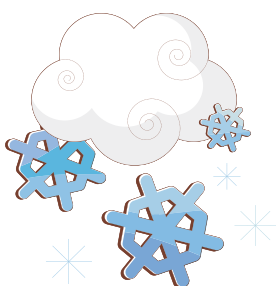
**Healthy lunch-** There are many alternatives if your child is not keen on sandwiches, and a healthy eating bar can be more nutritious than a chocolate one. Remember that **nuts, sweets, chocolates** and any kind of fizzy drinks are not allowed as part of a school lunch. Try out some healthy alternatives this year! If your child has a hot school meal please practise holding a knife and fork correctly and to use both implements when eating a meal.

**Drinking more water** - Every child is required to have a water bottle 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 £2 from the school office if you need a replacement or new lids only can be purchased for 50p.



**Wearing uniform with pride** - Please ensure that your child has all the required uniform at the start of this new term. This must include wearing the correct footwear. (Shoes, not boots) During the colder months, whilst we are still having to keep windows open, children are welcome to wear a school fleece on top of their jumper whilst in class. These can be purchased from our uniform supplier, Game Set and Match. If your child does not have the correct uniform please ensure you notify the school in writing.

Each Wednesday, children will continue to come into school in their PE kit for a gym session with Mr Belding. This ½ term the children's second PE session will be dance. The children will be bare foot for their dance sessions and if they wish to bring in a spare pair of shorts to put on instead of school trousers / skirts they are welcome to keep a pair in their school bag / tray.



**Being prepared for cold weather** - In the cold winter months please do ensure that your child is properly equipped for school including bringing 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.

#### **Snowy days (Just in case)**

We always try and keep the school open on snowy days. If however, in the unlikely event of a heavy downfall, please look at 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. Wellingtons and gloves are essential on such days, particularly as we like to enable the children to have fun in the snow.

Here's to a fun and productive Spring term!

Adrian King

# PROVISIONAL DATES FOR SPRING TERM 2022

January	
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup>	West Sussex Music keyboard lessons start for named children
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Inclusive Music and Movement instrument lessons start for named children
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup>	First Forest School session for children in year 3
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup>	INSET DAY – School closed for pupils
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Friends Meeting 7pm
February	
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	First Future Flyer session for named children in year 6
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Cross Country running race for children in pheasant Class
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Bronze Ambassador training for named children in year 5
21 <sup>st</sup> – 25 <sup>th</sup> - HALF TERM HOLIDAY	
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup>	INSET DAY – School closed for pupils
March	
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Goldfinch and Robin Class visit to the Sea Life Centre
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	First Forest School session for children in year 4
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Dance House performance at Alexandra Theatre Bognor Regis
Week of 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Bikeability for children in year 6
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Pheasant Class visit to Chichester Harbour
April	
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Pm – Easter Service Last day of the spring term

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April    Start of Summer term for children**

## Weekly Diary Dates

As ever, there will always be other events this term, please do remember to check the diary dates letter each week to keep yourselves up to date!

*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.*

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Comment: \_\_\_\_\_

**Over this term we are continuing to roll our range of school clubs.  
This half term the following clubs will be on offer to the children**

START DATE	YEAR	CLUB	TIME	PROVIDER	COST per session	TICK
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> January	Yrs R – 2	Dance Club	3:15 – 4pm	FitJoy	Book and paid directly to FitJoy	
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> January	Yrs 4 – 6	Chess Club	3:15 – 4pm	Mr Taylor	No Charge	
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> January	Yrs 5 / 6	Dance House	8am – 8:45	Mrs Goman	<b>BY INVITE ONLY</b>	
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> January	Yrs 3 – 6	Fit4Fun	3:15 – 4:15pm	Mr Sam Banting	Book and paid directly to Fit4Fun	
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> January	Yrs 5/6	School Media Club	12:30 – 1pm	Mrs Smith	No Charge	
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> January	Yrs 3 – 6	Football	3:15 – 4:15	South Coast Sports	Book and paid directly to SCS	
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> January	Yrs 3 – 6	Running / cross country	3:15 – 4pm	Mr King	No Charge	
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> January	Yrs 3 – 6	PomPom Making	3:15 – 4pm	Mrs Upjohn	No Charge	
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> January	Yrs 1 – 6	Story club	3:15 – 4pm	Mrs Totman	No Charge	

To sign up to one of the school led after school clubs, please tick a club that your child would like to attend and return the form as soon as possible. There is a limit on numbers for each club and the places are given on a first come, first served basis.

**IF YOU DO NOT HEAR FROM THE SCHOOL YOUR CHILD HAS BEEN ACCEPTED TO ATTEND THE CLUB OF THEIR CHOICE**

After your child is accepted into a club, please let the office (or the teacher running the club) know if they no longer wish to attend so that their place can be offered to someone on the waiting list.

Please note that some of the clubs may change due to staff commitments – we will hope to keep you informed.

**CHILD'S NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **YEAR** \_\_\_\_\_